

LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

JANUARY HAPPENINGS @ your library

NATIONAL ISSUES FORUM AT THE LIBRARY

For nine years, the Central branch of the Lake County Public Library in Merrillville, Indiana, has hosted a National Issues Forum (NIF), part of a network of forums throughout the United States which invites participants to discuss various critical public issues. The NIF publishes nonpartisan booklets on each issue, presenting information which the participants use to prepare for the discussions.

The group, with a loyal core of about ten persons, has deliberated on topics ranging from Health Care for the Elderly to Energy Options and meets twice a month. The moderator is a Library staff member.

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Recently, the focus of Northwest Indiana has been on a project called "One Region, One Book." The book was *A Lesson Before Dying* by Earnest Gaines. Our forum was asked to pick a topic related to racial diversity for the month of October, the target time for many related activities. "Racial and Ethnic Tensions: What should we do?" was our choice. The first meeting, however, was lacking in diversity, and heavy in predictability. Something had to change.

The director of the Morning Bishop Theatre from Gary, Indiana, had offered her troupe to perform a short socio-drama about racial sensitivity. They were invited to the second meeting. Also joining us was a woman of Mexican descent who was involved in diversity issues program in her church. The group had expanded - sixteen in all.

The short performance jump-started the discussion which covered a lot of sensitive material about the treatment of African-Americans, historically and at present. The black participants were candid about their feelings as a growing minority in our area, as were the white members concerning their fears of "others."

While sometimes heated, the discussion was productive. Agreement by all was that the problem of racial tensions, while probably never disappearing completely, can be eased by personal involvement with others, through discussions like this one and through the efforts of individual Church groups.

For further information about NIF or the upcoming Great Decisions discussions, contact Assistant Reference Librarian, Dorothy Bishop at 219-769-3541 ext. 339.

www.lakeco.lib.in.us

The Library's Mission

The purpose of the **Lake County Public Library** is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

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LITERACY TUTOR/FACILITATOR TRAINING

Jan. 8, Wed. at 6pm to 8:45pm. Participants interested in volunteering as a tutor for English as a Second Language must attend this training class. Pre-register, ext. 309.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Jan. 9, Thurs. at 6pm. This month's title for discussion is *The Corrections* by Jonathan Franzen. A look at America's consumer culture as seen through the eyes of each member of the dysfunctional Lambert family. Clever, funny, merciless, and affecting, this winner of the "National Book Award for Fiction" and its author have been at the center of a storm of controversy. Pre-register, ext. 340.

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Jan. 10, Fri. at 10am. At this month's club meeting, Arlene Jawor, Community Relations Director at NWI Meals on Wheels will talk about their program. Blood pressure will be available from 9:30am to 11:30am. Co-sponsored with Centier Bank. For more information call the library at ext. 317.

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Jan. 11, 18, 25, Feb 1, Sat. at 10am to 11:30am. Larry Sharp, Executive Director of International Institute and accredited representative of INS, will teach this test preparation class for those seeking to become a United States Citizen. This class is co-sponsored by the International Institute. Pre-register, ext. 309.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASS

Jan. 13 through Mar. 19, Mon. and Wed. at 6:30pm to 8:30pm. This class is for those learning English as a Second Language. Three different levels of instruction are offered: basic, intermediate and advanced. Pre-register, ext. 309.

HOW TO START A BUSINESS

Jan. 14, Tues. at 1pm to 5pm. Participants interested in starting their own business are invited to this workshop sponsored by the Small Business Development Center (SBDC). Fees are $25 in advance and $30 at the door. Pre-register by calling the SBDC at 219-762-1696.

BEGINNING GENEALOGY

Jan. 18, Sat. at 9am to noon. Guest speakers, Mike Sutton and Sally Phillips from the NWI Genealogy, will discuss the basics of genealogy and how to get started researching family history. Pre-register, ext. 317.

BOOK SIGNING

Jan. 23, Thurs. from 6pm to 8pm. Author Michael Blackett will be available to sign copies of his book, *Visions of Terror*. His book consists of four mysteries that will take you on a journey through and beyond the hidden reaches of the mind. These stories are fiction, yet reflect terrifying conditions that can and do exist.

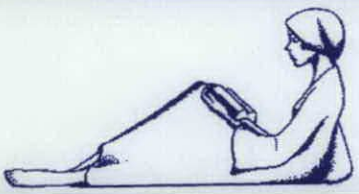
OVERCOME YOUR FEAR OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

Jan. 23, Thurs. at 7pm. Mark Willow, journalist and teacher, will teach interested participants how to overcome the fear of speaking in public. Pre-register, ext. 317.

MYSTERY LOVES COMPANY BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 28, Tues. at noon. Mystery readers are invited to the discussion of *Horse You Came In On* by Martha Grimes. Leaving Scotland Yard, Plant, Wiggins, and Jury come to the United States to investigate a murder. However, they find themselves following different trails and murders, leading to unexpected twists and turns. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register, ext. 336.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



A MEDLEY OF AUTHORS:

SOME OLD, SOME NEW - ALL WORTH A READ

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. Gary, IN 46406
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

CHARLOTTE'S WEB

Jan. 7, Tues. at 6pm. Adults and children alike will enjoy this classic on a large screen TV. Wilbur, the pig, is destined to be the farmer's dinner until his spider friend, Charlotte, decides to help him. This animated film features the voices of Debbie Reynolds, Henry Gibson, Paul Lynde and Agnes Moorhead. Pre-register.

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: A patron needed company history information on The Gap for a class project. While the company's website did contain some information, she needed more for her project.

A: We hear this type of question frequently at the Reference Desk. One of our favorite sources for finding the answer is the *International Directory of Company Histories* (ICDH). The ICDH currently covers more than 5,700 companies in 49 volumes. The cumulative index in the last volume makes it easy to locate a particular company. Each entry opens with basic information such as legal name, address, telephone and fax numbers, website address, date of incorporation, sales, and number of employees. It then presents a narrative of the company's history followed by a list of articles for further reading. Most of these articles can be found in our Periodicals Department. The student who needed information on The Gap found four pages of information in the ICDH to get her started along with references to six articles that helped her expand on her topic.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

FAMILY MOVIE
Jan. 8, Wed. at 6:30pm. Families will enjoy the fun at this midweek movie which features Ma and Pa Kettle. Pre-register.

HEAT IT UP AT THE LIBRARY
Jan. 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. A week of programs for preschoolers, school-age children and adults, will beat the winter blues with sunshine filled activities and refreshments. Call for specific times and events.

BOOKS AND CHAT
Jan. 15, Wed. at 2pm or Jan. 21, Tues. at 6:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Black Book* by British writer Ian Rankin. Inspector Rebus finds himself immersed in a series of crimes that he must solve. Pre-register.

PAINT WITH ACRYLICS
Jan. 17, Fri. at 6:30pm. Interested crafters will paint a Pennsylvania Dutch Dislefinck on a wood iron. A fee of $10 covers the cost of materials and is payable at the time of the class. Pre-register.

PAINT WITH ACRYLICS
Jan. 18, Sat. at 9:30am to 1pm. Interested crafters will paint a wintering eagle on an 8" x 10" canvas. Fee of $10 covers the cost of materials and is payable at the time of the class. Pre-register.

PAINT ACRYLICS
Jan. 25, Sat. at 9:30am. Interested crafters will paint a Buckley Homestead picture on an 8" x 10" canvas. Fee of $10 covers the cost of materials and is payable at the time of the class. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME
Jan. 28, Tues. at 2pm. Travelers will visit Taiwan, a land of jade temples and cities of marble, to roam the beaches and listen to the stories of the people, and will experience one of the oldest and most refined cultures on this modern and beautiful island. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION
Jan. 14, Tues. at 12:30pm. Mystery readers are invited to the discussion of *Death Benefits* by Thomas Perry. Max Stillman, security consultant, tracks an insurance scam that leads him to a deadly conspiracy. Pre-register.

ATLANTIS: THE LOST EMPIRE
Jan. 25, Sat. at 2pm. Children and adults alike will enjoy this Disney animated classic with Michael J. Fox's voice as the explorer character. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION
Jan. 27, Mon. at 6pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Outlander* by Diana Gabaldon. Claire Randall, a former combat nurse, leads a double life with a husband in one century and a lover in another. Torn between the two, she struggles to understand her heart's intent. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm*

BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S
Jan. 11, Sat. at 2pm. On the big screen this month is a classic starring Audrey Hepburn, George Peppard, Patricia Neal and Buddy Ebsen. Holly Golightly, out to marry a Brazillian millionaire, is discovered by her next door neighbor, a writer. Pre-register.

MASSAGE THERAPY
Jan. 13, Mon. at 7pm. Lisamarie Willis, Certified Massage Therapist, will demonstrate and describe massage therapy and how it relates to chiropractic or medical needs and stress reduction. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION
Jan. 15, Wed. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Last Time They Met* by Anita Shreve. An exploration of love, grief and longing when star-crossed lovers meet again after 26 years. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

ON THE BIG SCREEN
Jan. 4, Sat. at 2 p.m. *Princess Diaries*, starring Julie Andrews and Ann Hathaway, will be shown this month on the big screen. Hathaway stars as Mia, a high school misfit who is contacted by her grandmother, played by Julie Andrews, and informs her she is heir to Genovia, a small European country before France and Spain. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES
Jan. 6, Mon at 1:30pm or 7pm. This month's history video *Ancient Graves, Voices of the Dead,* is an investigation of mummies that have been uncovered around the world. Modern science allows us to learn intimate details about how the ancients lived and died. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

the Staff Recommends@ your library

SYBWorld is a new one-stop online reference tool for information on world politics, economics, and the culture and society of 192 countries.

Country information includes population statistics, current administrations, economy, climate, diplomatic representatives and more.

Users can browse by country or region or use the basic search box and type in a country name. In addition, this database features information on international organizations, chronologies of events and a conversion tool which converts units of metric and non-metric equivalents.

Information can be viewed and printed in text format or the user can generate comparison charts or tables for reports and presentations.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Jan. 8, Wed. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

SAND RIDGE BANK MORNING CLUB
Jan. 9, Thurs. at 10:30am. This month's club meeting will feature "Avoid Being the Victim of an Investment Scam" presented by Elizabeth Storey, a licensed securities broker with Citizen's Financial Services. Co-sponsored with Sand Ridge Bank. Co-sponsored with Sand Ridge Bank at 972-7317.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION
Jan. 14, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm. Readers are invited to this month's discussion of *The Ladies Auxiliary* by Tova Mirvis. When young widow and Jewish convert Batsheva Jacobs and her five-year-old daughter move into the Memphis neighborhood where her husband grew up, their arrival sends shock waves through the small and tightly knit Orthodox community. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR FEBRUARY BOOK DISCUSSION
The February discussion title, *The Corrections* by Jonathan Franzen, may be picked up after January 14, 2003. The informal discussion will be held on February 11, 2003 at 2pm or 7pm.

GOAL SETTING FOR YOUR HEALTH

Jan. 16, Thurs. at 6:30pm. Dr. William White, a Chiropractor from Harvey, Illinois will discuss goal setting for your health, including weight loss, common nutritional deficiencies and how to eat healthy for life. Pre-Register

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Jan. 20, Mon. at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. Travel through Egypt and the Nile River Valley, a world of mysteries and monuments, via large screen TV. View the temples, pyramids, golden tombs and Great Sphinx that were left by the ancient inhabitants. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 23, Thurs. at 7 p.m. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Epitaph, A Novel*, by James Siegel. Retired detective William Riskin picks up the pieces of his former partner's investigation into the disappearance of a number of Florida-bound New Yorkers. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR FEBRUARY MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

The February discussion title, *Tourist Season* by Carl Hiaasen, will be available for pickup after January 23, 2002. The informal book discussion will be held on February 27, 2003 at 7pm.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Jan. 27, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. The classic, *Adam's Rib*, will be shown on the large screen this month. A couple is at opposite ends of the courtroom in this drama, where one is the prosecution, and the other is the defense attorney. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

HOW TO RAISE HAPPY, HEALTHY, DRUG FREE KIDS

Jan. 30, Thurs. at 7pm. Dr. Jeremy Hayes, a Highland chiropractor, will discuss the current healthcare model for children, facts on such common medications as aspirin, Ritalin, and antibiotics, and he will also provide information on improving your child's health through spinal care. Pre-register.

DO YOU SURF? @ your library

Super Bowl –
http:www.superbowl.com
Super Bowl 37 will be played on January 26. This official website gives news, history, and statistics from past games. It also lists every performer who sang or played the National Anthem before the big game.

King Papers Project –
http:www.stanford.edu/group/King
Developed by Stanford University, the King Papers Project is a major research effort to assemble and disseminate historical information concerning Martin Luther King, Jr. It includes a detailed biography along with quotes, speeches, and audio excerpts.

Celebrating Champagne –
http:www.intowine.com/champagne.html
Did you know that you waste bubbles when you pop the cork off a bottle of champagne? Along with proper serving tips, this site offers a history of champagne and a vintage chart.

Elvis Presley –
http:www.elvis.com
The ultimate site for the King of Rock. Wonderfully presented, there is so much information on this site that it's difficult to describe. You can buy tickets to tour Graceland, book your wedding at Graceland, check out where Elvis landed on the Billboard charts, reserve a room at the Heartbreak Hotel or buy Elvis merchandise. It's just a hunk o' hunk o' Elvis! Thank you, thank you very much.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Jan. 8, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers will journey to Phoenix, Arizona to tour the mountains and beautiful desert oasis while learning about the culture and history, via large screen TV. Pre-register.

HOW MONEY WORKS SEMINAR

Jan. 9, Thurs. at 7pm. Primerica Financial Services will present this workshop on how to help families have better financial futures. Pre-register.

WOOD BOTTOM FRUIT BASKET

Jan. 11, Sat. at 9:30am. Rose Rasmusen will teach interested crafters how to make a fruit basket with a wood bottom. Participants should bring a bucket and a towel. A fee of $16 to

cover the cost of materials must be paid by Jan. 7. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Jan. 16, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

AFTERNOON BOOK CHAT
Jan. 21, Tues. at 2pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *This Body* by Laurel M. Doud. After dying of a heart attack, Katharine Ashley, a mother of two, is reborn in the body of a younger woman who is a drug addict. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
Jan. 10, Fri. from 12:30pm to 2pm. A retired nurse will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

MOVIE MANIA
Jan. 16, Thurs. at 3:30pm. The movie *Secret Garden* will be shown on a large screen TV. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR FEBRUARY BOOK DISCUSSION
Jan. 21, Tues. at 2pm. The January discussion title, *Julie and Romeo* by Jeanne Ray, may be picked up after January 21, 2003. The discussion will be held February 18, 2002. This is a modern day lighthearted inversion of a classic story.

BASKET CLASS
Jan. 25, Sat. at 9am. Barb Thomas will instruct participants in the art of basketweaving. Participants should bring a bucket and a towel. Fees vary depending on basket chosen and payable at the time of the class. Pre-register.

EVENING TRAVEL
Jan. 27, Mon. at 6pm. Travelers will visit the coast of Maine, via large screen TV. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

Call the New Chicago Branch for more inforamtion about Happenings **@ your library**

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA
Jan. 8, Wed. at 7pm. George Meschel, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera "La Traviata" by Giuseppe Verdi. He will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera along with musical highlights. Pre-register.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB
Jan. 9, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Readers are invited to this discussion of *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius* by Dave Eggers. Eggers, was only 21 when his parents died of cancer within weeks of each other. He writes of the aftermath and life with his 7 year-old brother. Pre-register.

HITCHCOCK ON THE BIG SCREEN
Jan. 13, Mon. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm. The elaborately constructed murder story in which an ex-cop who suffers from vertigo is the innocent pawn, in *Vertigo*, one of Hitchcock's best films. This movie stars James Stewart, Kim Novak and Barbare Bel Geddes. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S DIFFERENCES - NO ONE SIZE FITS ALL CURRICULUM
Jan. 15, Wed. at 6:30pm. Is your child bright and hard working, yet finds school a struggle? This Prime Time session will explore 'other ways' of knowing and learning so parents and educators can help their children better understand how they learn best. Pre-register.

EXPLORE BANGKOK
Jan. 16, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm. Travelers will explore this city of many contrasts, the serenity of Buddhist temples and the frenetic pace of modern business, and visit open air markets

and restaurants pungent with exotic aromas. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Jan. 22, Wed. at 7pm. Margaret Sinclair, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera "Partenope" by George Handel. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera along with musical highlights. Pre-register.

GOAL SETTING FOR YOUR HEALTH

Jan. 23, Thurs. at 7pm. Dr. Will White of Achilly Morantz Chiropractic Clinic will teach interested participants how to motivate yourself to a healthier lifestyle. Topics to be covered include how to set goals, weight loss, the two most common nutritional deficiencies and how to eat healthy for life. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 23, Thurs. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Jan. 24, Fri. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

FINDING MONEY FOR COLLEGE

Jan. 28, Tues. at 6:30pm. Susan Killin, a reference librarian at Central, will present this workshop on learning about the wide range of resources available at the library to help pay for college. Topics include navigating the financial aid maze, repayment loans, the costs of private vs. public colleges, and scholarships. Participants will have an opportunity to do some hands-on searching themselves. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Jan. 30, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to join the discussion of *Heart of Darkness* by Joseph Conrad. This selection is a selection from the *First Series of Great Books*. Pre-register.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

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DEBT ELIMINATION SEMINAR

Jan. 9, Thurs. at 7pm. Primerica Financial Services will sponsor this workshop to help participants control and eliminate debt. Pre-register.

HORMONE REPLACEMENT SEMINAR

Jan. 16, Thurs. at 6pm. Jeff Barton, R.Ph., of Custom Dosing Pharmacy will present this seminar on bio-identical hormone replacement. The facts about natural vs. synthetic hormones and the recent findings of the Women's Health Initiative regarding synthetic hormones will be discussed. Pre-register.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY

Jan. 22, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers will journey to Seychelles, a remote island paradise in the Indian Ocean, once considered the possible "Garden of Eden." Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 23, Thurs. at 10:15am. Readers are invited to this discussion of *The Bookshop* by Penelope Fitzgerald. In 1959, a widow in a small English village uses her modest inheritance to open the community's only bookshop. Her plans provoke a surprising amount of opposition. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

THE BIG PICTURE

Jan. 29, Wed. at 6:30pm. This month's feature is the 1943 classic, *Casablanca*, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

FINANCIAL WORKSHOP FOR INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS

Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 6pm. A representative from Edward Jones will present a four-part financial workshop covering a variety of investment topics including stocks, bonds, mutual funds, insurance, and IRAs. Fee of $8 to cover the cost of materials is payable at the class. Pre-register.

MONDAY NIGHT CRAFT NIGHT

Jan. 6, Mon. at 6pm. A craft night for participants 10 to 100 will have a wide range of projects from candle making to tole painting. Some projects are messy so please dress appropriately. For more information about this program call the library.

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SUNDAY CLOSINGS

Due to property tax reassessment delays, Lake County Public Library will not receive tax settlement money in 2003. In order to maintain quality library service, cost containing measures have been implemented. Therefore, Lake County Public Library in Merrillville

will be closed on Sundays effective December 22, 2002.

By closing Sundays, the increase of available staff hours will benefit library services system wide.

Interested in volunteering?

Then we have a job for **you!!**

Volunteers are needed to help the Book Coordinator in preparing books for the Book Sale Room and the annual Fall sale. Volunteers are also needed to work in the Book Sale Room as a cashier.

If you are interested, please call **Public Relations at 769-3541, ext. 317.**

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

SUPER SCIENCE FUN
Jan. 9, Thurs. at 4pm or 7pm. Children, in grades K and up, will learn how to prepare science projects from start to finish. Children will participate in group project demonstrations and experiments and conduct their own fun experiments. Pre-register ext. 360.

MOVIE TIME
Jan. 13, Mon. at 6:30pm. Children, ages 3 and up, will watch the newly released on video, *Lilo and Stitch*, on the big screen. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register ext. 360.



Happenings Jr. @ your library
Children's Programming
January 2003



GUNG HAY FAT CHOY!
Jan. 23, Thurs. at 4pm. Children, in grades K and up, will celebrate Chinese New Year with games, stories and a craft. Pre-register ext. 360.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION
Jan. 20, Mon. at 2pm. School-age children will celebrate the life of this great leader with a video, books and making a silhouette. Parents may accompany their children and share memories of Dr. King. Pre-register, ext. 36

Black Oak Branch

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary *844-8809*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

FAMILY FILM DAY
Jan. 4, Sat. at 10:30am. Children of all ages will enjoy a family movie. Can you guess the movie? A pretty lady and a hairy scary. Pre-register.

WINTER CUDDLES
Jan. 8, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, may bring their blanky and teddy bear and snuggle up for some of Miss Julie's cozy stories. Pre-register.

MISS JULIE'S MAKE-OVER MADNESS
Jan. 14, Tues. at 6pm. Young adults are invited to a make-over beauty pamper party. Attendance is limited to 12 participants. Pre-register.

HAVE A DREAM
Jan. 20, Mon. at 2pm. Children., in grades K and up, will celebrate the life and accomplishments of Martin Luther King Jr. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

FAMILY FILM FUN
Jan. 21, Tues. at 6pm. All ages are invited to watch a movie at the library. Call the library to find out what movie will be shown. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *374-7121*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

SEASIDE FUN
Jan. 6, Mon. at 3:45pm. Children, in grades K through 6, will hear stories of the sea and enjoy fried octopus. Pre-register.

DREAMING ABOUT SUMMER
Jan. 7, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories and songs about summer fun, then make a sunny craft. Pre-register.

ISLAND LUAU
Jan.9, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Young adults, ages 12 to 17, will make Hawaiian Kabobs and Hula Cooler. Additional activities will include a limbo and hoola hoop contest. Prizes awarded for the best island outfit. Pre-register.

AFTERNOON AT THE MOVIES
Jan. 23, Thurs. at 4pm. Children, in grades K through 6, will view the movie, *George and Martha's Best Friends* on the big screen. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary *980-5180*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

PORCUPINES
Jan. 9, Thurs. at 4pm. Children, in grades K and up, will make porcupine balls. Pre-register.

CHICKEN LITTLE
Jan. 14, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear the story, *Chicken Little*. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *838-2825*
www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm

WINTER CRAFT
Jan. 2, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children, in grades K and up, will make a fleece scarf for winter. Pre-register.

THREE LITTLE KITTENS
Jan. 13, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 18 to 25 months, along with their caregiver will make a paper mitten decoration and enjoy the story, *The Three Little Kittens*. Pre-register.

LITTLE HOUSE PIONEERS
Jan. 16, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Little house pioneers, ages 7 and up, will make a wall pocket and hear the next chapter from Noah Blake's diary. Pre-register.

SNOWMAN CRAFT
Jan. 21, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will make a snowman to take home. Pre-register.

FRIENDLY SNOWFLAKES
Jan. 22, Wed. at 4pm. Children ages, 10 to 14, will take a look at M. Scott Peck's book, *Friendly Snowflake* then make a popcorn snowball. Pre-register.

GROUND HOG POP UPS!
Jan. 30, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children, in grades K and up, will make a ground hog pop-up card. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *838-2394*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

WHISTLE STOP CAFÉ
Jan. 9, Thurs. at 6:30pm. Young adults, in grades 5 and up, will meet to discuss the book *Boxes* by, William Sleator, in a coffee house atmosphere. Bring a friend and get your name in a drawing to be held later in the year. Pre-register beginning Dec. 23rd.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WINNIE THE POOH!
Jan. 13, Mon. at 10:30am. Two-year-olds and their caregivers will help celebrate Winnie the Pooh's 121st birthday with stories, action songs, and a simple craft. Pre-register beginning Dec. 30th.

BUSY BEES
Jan. 15, Wed. at 10:30am. or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will listen to snowman stories, sing songs and make a simple edible snowman craft. Pre-register beginning Dec. 30th.

FLAKE OUT AT THE LIBRARY
Jan. 21, Tues. at 4pm. Children, in grades K and up, will listen to a story about *Snow Flake Bentley*, have a snowflake cutting contest and make an edible snow sculpture. Pre-register beginning Jan. 6th.

COOKIES YUM, YUM!
Jan. 27, Mon. at 10:30am. Two-year-olds and their caregivers will listen to stories about cookies, sing action songs, and decorate cookies for a tasty treat. Pre-register beginning Jan.13th.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

STORYTIME FOR TWOS AND THREES
Jan. 7 and 21, Tues. at 1:30pm. or Jan. 8 and 22, Wed. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will participate in a lively story time, including activity songs and a craft. Pre-register beginning Dec. 23rd.

STORYTIME FOR FOURS AND FIVE
Jan. 14 and 28, Tues. 1:30pm. or Jan. 15 and 29, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy stories, songs, crafts and other activities. Pre-register beginning Dec. 30th.

FITNESS FUN
Jan. 20, Mon. at 1:30pm. Children, in grades K and up, will enjoy activities to encourage healthy living, such as games and mild exercises, then prepare a healthy snack. Please dress comfortably. Pre-register beginning Jan. 6th.

A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS
Jan. 29, Wed. at 2:30pm. School age children who are *"Lemony Snicket"* fans are invited for trivia games and discussion of his books! Pre-register beginning Jan. 13th.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Ave. *365-5379*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

MONDAY CRAFT NIGHT
Jan. 6, Mon. at 6pm. Ages 10 through 100 are invited to a craft night on the first Monday of the month. A wide range of projects are planned from candle making, to tole painting. No skill required. Some projects are messy, so dress for mess. Pre-register.

SNOWLESS SNOW FESTIVAL
Jan. 16, Thurs. at 4pm. Children, in grades K and up, will celebrate winter indoors with snowballs, snowmen, and snow fights, all with no snow. Pre-register beginning Dec. 1st.

S IS FOR SILLY SNOW AND STORIES
Jan. 21, Tues. at 10:30am. Children, ages 3 to 6, will enjoy stories and activities featuring words that begin with S, then make a silly snowman craft. Pre-register beginning Dec. 1st.

SUNDAY CLOSINGS

Due to property tax reassessment delays, Lake County Public Library will not receive tax settlement money in 2003. In order to maintain quality library service, cost containing measures have been implemented. Therefore, Lake County Public Library in Merrillville **will be closed on Sundays effective December 22, 2002.** By closing Sundays, the increase of available staff hours will benefit library services system wide.

New Chicago Branch
3250 Michigan St. *962-2421*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

SNOWY DAY!
Jan. 8, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear winter stories, make sparkle snowmen, play a snowball game and watch a film. Pre-register.

SOUPS ON
Jan. 15, Wed. at 4pm. Young adults, in grades 4 and up, will play a soup memory game, soup bowl game and design their own soup can. Pre-register.

NATIONAL PUZZLE DAY!
Jan. 29, Wed. at 4pm. Children, in grades K through 3, will have fun solving different puzzles and playing games. A film will be shown. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *836-8450*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

COOKING FOR KIDS
Jan. 8 and 15, Wed. at 4pm. Chef Marie Bilot will teach basic cooking skills to children in grades K and up. This series of two programs will teach children about healthy snacks. Each child should bring a set of measuring spoons and a measuring cup. Pre-register by Sat. Jan 4th.

TERRIFIC TWOS AND THREES
Jan. 13, 20 and 27, Mon. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, music, crafts and other activities, with a different theme each week. Pre-registration is not required.

FANTASTIC FOURS AND FIVES
Jan. 14, 21 and 28, Tues. at 10:30am. or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy stories, music, video and crafts, with a different theme each week. Pre-registration is not required.

WEE ONES
Jan. 14 and 29, Wed. at 10:30am. Infants, ages 6 months to 23 months, will enjoy stories, music, finger plays, nursery rhymes and toys with a different theme each week. Pre-registration is not required.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS
Jan. 22, Wed. at 4pm. Students in grades 4 and up can become a student volunteer at the library. We will meet once a month. January's theme will be games. Bring your favorite board game. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend. Pre-registration is not required.St. John Township



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January 13 - February 21, 2003

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *942-2243*

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

SNOWFLAKES

Jan. 14, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy a snowy story time with stories, songs, and a craft. Pre-register beginning Dec. 30th.

COLORS

Jan. 14, Tues. at 5pm. Cheer up those gloomy, dark days of winter with new colors. Young ladies in grades 6 through 8 are invited to learn about their colors with the help of a beauty advisor. Pre-register beginning Dec. 30th.

TODDLER FUN FRIDAY

Jan. 17, Fri. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 24 months to 36 months, along with their caregivers, will hear snowman stories and create a snowman of their own. Pre-register beginning Dec. 30th.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *962-2409*

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

IT'S THE BABA YAGA!

Jan. 9, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children, in grades K through 4, will hear Baba Yaga (Russian witch) tales, and make snowmen and snowflakes while they enjoy some hot chocolate. Pre-register.

LET IT SNOW!

Jan. 14, Tues. at 10:30 a.m. or Jan. 15, Wed. at 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear snowman stories, songs, and decorate their own snowmen while enjoying some hot chocolate. Pre-register.

LIBRARY TOUR

Jan. 21, Tues. at 3:30pm. Children, in grades K and up, will take a tour of the library. Advice will be given on how to do homework, using the library catalog, and how to do research for reports. Pre-register.

CREATIVE WRITING FOR TEENS

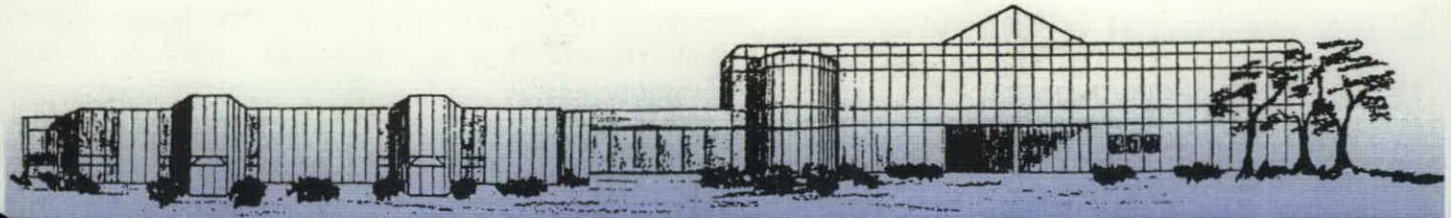
Jan. 22, Wed. at 7pm. Young adults, grades 9 through 12, will write and share a variety of creative pieces. Pre-register.

READING READING READING!

Jan. 29, Wed. at 3:30pm. This reading program will have older readers and younger readers improving their skills by reading stories to each other.

CREATIVE WRITING FOR 7TH & 8TH GRADERS

Jan. 30, Thurs. 3:30pm. Students will write and share a variety of creative pieces. Pre-register.



LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

FEBRUARY 2003 HAPPENINGS @ your library

www.lakeco.lib.in.us

HIGHLAND HAPPENINGS

As February arrives, thoughts turn to taxes. Many of the LCPL branches offer free tax assistance to seniors and low-income persons. Highland will be providing this service beginning in February. Please call the Highland Branch or your local branch for an appointment as the tax preparers work by appointment only.

February is also the time we begin another 6 week session of preschool storyhour for 3 to 5 year old children. This year, preschool storyhour runs February 10 through March 21 system-wide. This program lasts approximately one hour each week and includes stories, songs, fingerplays and a craft. Pre-register for this 6 week session by calling your local branch library.

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You may not be aware that your local library provides speakers or storytellers for your group's meeting or event, but at the Highland Branch, the children's staff visits twelve daycare facilities in Highland each month to share stories with the children enrolled in their programs. Our children's librarians also do storytelling and library tours for scout troops, church groups and grade school children. The Highland library recently participated in the School Town of Highland's Parent Fair, where local residents were made aware of the library's services and resources. Reference librarians from each branch are also willing to provide speakers for your organization or do training classes in the library. If you would be interested in scheduling any of these events, please call your local branch.

SOUTHLAKE CENTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH HONORS LCPL

On December 19, 2002, Lee Strawhun, President and CEO of Southlake Center for Mental Health, presented the 2002 Angel Award to Lake County Public Library, Assistant Director, Ana Grandfield. On behalf of the library, Ana Grandfield accepted a beautiful crystal plaque along with $1,000 which is designated for the Library Foundation. Stop by our display case on the first floor near the circulation desk to view the plaque and accompanying certificate.

The Lake County Public Library and Southlake Center for Mental Health during this

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Highlights @ your library

Dave Swinehart, Head of Technical Services, will be retiring on February 28 after 17 years of service. Prior to working at LCPL, Dave worked at the Gary Public Library for 14 years. He was employed as a reference librarian and Head of Technical Services.

Retirement is a time to look back with satisfaction and a time to look ahead with anticipation. Congratulations! We will miss you!!

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Feb. 11, Tues. at 9:30am. This month's club meeting will feature "Home Safety" presented by Patty Brazil, Inspector for Hobart Fire Department. Blood pressure will be available from 9:30am to 11:30am. Co-sponsored with Centier Bank. For more information call the library at 769-3541, ext. 317.

GARDENING SERIES

Feb. 11, Tues. from 7-8:30 p.m. Master Gardeners, Sue Childs and Gloria Rawlins, will teach you how to start your own annual and perennial plant garden indoors. Pre-register, ext. 317.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Feb. 13, Thurs. at 6pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *A Border Passage: From Cairo to America – A Woman's Journey* by Leila Ahmed. Born in British Egypt to a traditional, upper-class family, and coming to America at the height of the turbulent 60's, the author reflects on her present life as both Muslim and feminist in a culture which assumes the two are mutually exclusive. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register, ext. 340.

MYSTERY LOVES COMPANY BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 25, Tues. at noon. Mystery lovers are invited to the discussion of *Wild Kat* by Karen Kijewski. Kat Colorado must protect Amanda Hudson who has discovered possibly lethal defects in her employer's products. Soon Kat's employer is injured. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register, ext. 336.

READER'S ADVISORY @ your library



AFRICAN AMERICAN AUTHORS
IN CELEBRATION OF
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. Gary, IN 46406
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more inforamtion about Happenings **@your library.**

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

PAINT WITH ACRYLICS

Feb. 3, Mon. at 6pm. Interested painters will paint a sunflower on a 7" x 10" canvas. Fee of $10 covers the cost of materials provided. Pre-register.

BOOKS AND CHAT

Feb. 18, Tues. at 2pm or Feb. 19, Wed. at 6:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *One More Time* by Mike Royko. Royko's columns are compiled to make this interesting read and let's the reader take a look at Chicago in a way they may not have. Pre-register.

BEGINNING KNITTING

Feb. 24, Mon. at 7pm. Interested patrons will learn the basics of stitches necessary in making most knitting projects. Bring your own yard and needles. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Feb. 25, Tues. at 2pm. Travelers will journey to New England, and relive the spirit of the Yankee ingenuity at historic landmarks, explore dazzling autumn forests, coastal islands and rocky shores. Pre-register.

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: A patron called and wanted information about Emmett Kelly. She said that she was a clown and was interested in clown history.

A: We have books on clowns and clowning and I gave her the titles, but she was especially pleased with the following website:

http://www.clown-ministry.com/History/EmmettKellySr.html

which gives insight into his philosophy of clowning:

Emmett Kelly, Sr. (1898-1979) Emmett Kelly was inducted into the Clown Hall of Fame in 1989. He is the most well known of the tramp clowns. His character, Weary Willy, was the perpetual underdog, who never gave up - and occasionally won. Many would remember his most famous routine: *Sweeping the Spotlight.* Kelly said, "By laughing at me, the audience really laughs at themselves and realizing they have done this, gives them sort of a spiritual second wind for going back into the battles of life."

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 11, Tues. at 12:30pm. Mystery lovers are invited to join the discussion of *Mrs. Malory and the Lilies that Fester* by Hazel Holt. Small town Taviscombe, England where everyone knows everything about everyone - until Gordon Masefield the man everyone loves to hate is murdered and the chief suspect is Mrs. Malory's future daughter-in-law. Pre-register.

MOVIE: FLY AWAY HOME

Feb 22, Sat. at 2pm. In the movie, *Fly Away Home*, actress Anna Paquin, helps the geese learn to migrate by learning how to fly an ultra-light airplane while her father, played by Jeff Daniels, watches anxiously. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 3, Mon. from 10am to 11:30am. Unity Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

MOVIE: REAR WINDOW

Feb. 8, Sat. at 2pm. A photographer, played by James Stewart, confined to his room with a broken leg suspects a murder has been committed in a nearby apartment. Pre-register.

CONVERSATION AND COFFEE

Feb. 12, Wed. at 10:30am. Experience the lively art of conversation tempered with thoughtful listening and with an intent to explore knowledge, opinion and experience of others in an open, friendly discussion. Current events and local concerns will be featured. Pre-register.

BIO-IDENTICAL HORMONE REPLACEMENT

Feb. 13, Thurs. at 6:30pm. John J. Griffin, registered pharmacist, of the Medicine Shoppe, will compare synthetic and natural hormone replacement therapies and how to work with your healthcare professional to determine your hormone levels and specific needs. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 19, Wed. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Woman Next Door* by Barbara Delinsky. A heartwarming drama showing the psychological strains, traumas and agonies of an infertile couple. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

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TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

Beginning February 1 and continuing through April 12, 2003, AARP volunteers will assist seniors and low income persons in the filing of their income taxes. Last year's taxes and all pertinent tax papers for the current tax years must be brought in at the time of the appointment. Call the library to schedule an appointment.

VIDEO HISTORY SERIES

Feb. 3, Mon. at 1:30pm or 7pm. This month's history video is *Egypt's Lost City* where travelers will explore the extinct city of Akhetaton, near Amarna. Examine the lavish places, spectacular temples and beautiful artwork that have been lost beneath the sands of the desert for thousands of years. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

NO SEW FLEECE SCARVES

Feb. 4, Tues. at 7pm. Debra Kondrat and Laura Carpenter will show participants how to make a scarf from 12 inches of fleece. Participants need to bring 12 inches of fleece and pinking sheers. Pre-register.

EUROPEAN TRAVELOGUE

Feb. 10, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Gordon Wilder, Highland resident, will share slides from his travels to Italy, Switzerland, Austria and Germany. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR MARCH BOOK DISCUSSION

The March discussion title, *Waiting* by Ha Jin, will be available for pickup after February 11, 2003. The informal discussion will be held on March 11, 2003, at 2pm or 7pm.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 12, Wed. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB

Feb. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am. As we prepare for President's Day, join us as we listen to Mr. Christiansen and watch as he renders a chalk portrait of Abe Lincoln. Co-sponsored by Sand Ridge Bank. Pre-register by calling the bank at 972-7317.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Feb. 17, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. *Ancient Tibetan Kingdoms* is the movie for travelers this month. Tibet, seat of wisdom, sits high up in the Himalayas. Its ancient culture, with its evocative art, shrines and rituals, continues to flourish even though the nation itself no longer exists. Pre-register.

the Staff Recommends@ your library

ReferenceUSA - Increasing amounts of small businesspeople in Northwest Indiana are trying to figure out how to reach more and more potential customers. One way to determine who's out there is by searching the ***ReferenceUSA*** database. The ***ReferenceUSA*** database contains detailed information on more than 12 million U.S. businesses. Details include sales figures, executive names and number of employees. Searches can be performed using these categories and more. ***Reference USA***'s residential information covers 102 million U.S. residents and is compiled from more than 3,900 White Page telephone directories. ***ReferenceUSA*** is available on computers at all Lake County Public Library locations. Listings can be downloaded to disk or printed.

From ***ReferenceUSA***, did you know ...

...there are 16,947 businesses listed in Lake County.

...there are 133,385 residents listed for Lake County.

Do you want...

...all the people with the last name Jones in the county? (831 listings)

...all the dentists in the county? (379 listings)

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 18, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm. Readers are invited to join in the discussion of *The Corrections* by Jonathen Franzen. Franzen's novel is a heart-wrenching story of a family torn apart by the ravages of modern time, which yet finds a way to share tender moments in a satisfying Christmas reunion. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Feb. 24, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr star in this classic love story, *An Affair to Remember*. Two people fall in love on an ocean liner, then vow to meet at the Empire State Building six months later if their love remains. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 27, Thurs. at 7pm. Mystery readers are invited to the discussion of *Tourist Season* by Carl Hiaasen. Private Investigator Brian Keyes finds himself enmeshed in a bizarre string of crimes perpetrated by a radical group using carnivorous reptiles, living and rubber, as weapons in an attempt to free Florida from overdevelopment. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR MARCH MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

The March title for discussion, *Aunt Dimity's Death* by Nancy Atherton, may be picked up after February 27, 2003. The informal discussion will be held March 27, 2003 at 7pm.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

DO YOU SURF? @ your library

African American History & Heritage Site – www.creativefolk.com/blackhistory.html
Resources for Black History Month. Provides numerous links specific to African American history, literature, science, music and the visual arts. Recommended by the National Education Association; this site is great for all ages.

Gateway to African American History – www.usinfo.state.gov/usa/blackhis/
This site is produced by the U.S. Department of State and contains key documents and court cases pertaining to civil rights. Also contains a listing of recent presidential texts, speeches, and remarks. Plenty of information, but may be too difficult or wordy for elementary grade schoolers.

Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show – www.westminsterkennelclub.org
The 127th Annual Dog Show will take place February 10-11. Photos of past winners are viewable from this website. Every breed recognized by the AKC is described, along with what the Club considers to be the "defects" of each breed.

Ground Hog Day – www.groundhog.org
The official site of the Punxsutawney Groundhog Club. Offers past predictions since 1887, activities for kids, and a list of weekend events for those interested in seeing Punxsutawney Phil live.

American Heart Association – www.americanheart.org
February is American Heart Month. This site offers information on heart disease and strokes, warning signs, dietary fitness, and statistics.

BREAD BASKET

Feb. 8, Sat. at 9:30am to 1:30pm. Rose Rasmusen will teach interested crafters how to make this basket. Basket is on display at the library. Fee for class is $16 and must be paid by Feb. 5. Participants must bring a bucket and a towel. Pre-register.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Feb. 5, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers will visit the city of New Orleans, home of Mardi Gras, then visit French Quarter Bourbon Street, the Garden District and many other well known sites. Pre-register.

CINEMATHERAPY SESSIONS: LOVE AFFAIR

Feb. 12, Wed. at 6pm. Irene Dunn and Charles Boyer star in this love story where two people meet on a ship and fall instantly in love. They agree to meet at the top of the Empire State Building in 6 months to prove it was just not a shipboard romance. Tissues and chocolate will be provided. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 20, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

WINTER BOOK SALE

Feb. 21, Fri. from 10am to 6pm and Feb. 22, Sat. from 9am to 5pm. The winter book sale will be held in the lower level of the library. Materials for sale include adult and children's books, paperbacks, magazines, records, tapes and videos. For more information call the library.

Lake Station Branch
2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 14, Fri. from 12:30pm to 2pm. A retired nurse will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

AFTERNOON BOOK CHAT

Feb. 18, Tues. at 2pm. Readers are invited to the discus-

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sion of *Julie and Romeo* by Jeanne Ray. This is a lighthearted inversion of a classic story. Pre-register.

EVENING TRAVEL

Feb. 24, Mon. at 6pm. Travelers will visit the lone star state of Texas, via large screen TV. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR MARCH'S AFTERNOON CHAT

The March discussion title, *Gap Creek* by Robert Morgan, will be available for checkout after February 18, 2003. The informal discussion will be held March 18, 2003 at 2pm at the New Chicago Branch.

BASKET CLASS

Feb. 15, Sat. at 9am to 1pm. Barb Thomas will instruct eager participants on basketweaving. Fees vary depending on basket chosen and must be paid at the time of class. Participants should bring a towel and a bucket. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Tues. and Thurs., Feb. 4 through Mar. 20, from 6pm to 8pm. Classes will be held for those needing to learn English as a second language. Conversation will be the focus of these classes. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

TAX LAW CHANGES FOR 2002 AND BEYOND

Feb. 4, Tues. at 7pm. Jeff Tuskan, C.P.A., will keep patrons informed with the newest changes to the 2002 tax forms and also changes for tax laws for 2002 and beyond. Pre-register.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Feb. 5, Wed. at 7pm. Julia O'Keefe, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will discuss the background of the opera "A Masked Ball" by Giuseppe Verdi. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera along with musical highlights. Pre-register.

LONG TERM CARE

Feb. 6, Thurs. at 7pm. Jerome Baffa, a representative from Primerica Financial Services, will present this informative program on what Long Term Care is, who it is for and the importance of having it. Pre-register.

HITCHCOCK ON THE BIG SCREEN

Feb. 10, Mon. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm. *Shadow of a Doubt* will be shown this month. Joseph Cotten plays the widow-murderer Charley who dodges the police and joins his relatives in a small California town. Although his niece takes him to her heart, she eventually recognizes him as the murderer. Also stars Teresa Wright and Hume Cronyn. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

WHAT LEARNING TO LEARN SKILLS CHILDREN NEED TO SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

Feb. 12, Wed. at 6:30pm. Consider this startling fact: five year olds today experience more information in one year than their grandparents did in a lifetime! How does this knowledge explosion impact on our children's succees in school? In the educational greater arena emphasis is now on how we learn and process information. This PRIME TIME session will focus on the skills children need in order to learn; i.e. listening, following directions, organizing information so parents and educators can help their children succeed in school. Pre-register.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Feb. 13, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Readers are invited to this month's discussion of *Giving Up America* by Pearl A. Abraham. Daniel and Deena marry, despite different upbringings; one Orthodox, the other Hasidic and the less-than-full consent of their parents. They begin to grow apart when Daniel develops a crush on another woman. Deena must examine their relationship, her career choices and personal aspirations. Pre-register.

EXPLORE PERU—LAND OF THE INCAS

Feb. 20, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm. Travelers will visit a land where Inca and Spanish cultures have combined in a land of thriving contrasts. Here, high up in the Andes Mountains, lie sacred valleys and mysterious remnants of the Inca empire. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Feb. 27, Thurs. from 10am to noon. A representative from Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Feb. 27, Thurs. at 7pm. Interested readers are invited to join in a discussion of *Civilization and It's Discontents* by Freud and *The Social Contract* by Rousseau. Both these selections are from the First Series of Great Books. A fee of $25 covers the cost of the set of books. Pre-register.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Feb. 4, Tues. at 6:30pm. Join other cross-stitchers for an evening of stitching, conversation, and relaxation. Get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas, or view the latest issues of cross-stitch magazines and books. Adults only, please. Pre-register.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY TO SOUTHERN FRANCE

Feb. 26, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers will fall in love with the beaches, food, quaint towns and ancient Roman remains of Southern France. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Feb. 27, Thurs. at 10:15am. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden. Golden's bestselling novel takes readers into the difficult but fascinating world of a Kyoto geisha. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

MONDAY NIGHT CRAFT NIGHT

Feb. 3, Mon. at 6pm. Crafters, ages 10 to 100, are invited to a craft night with a variety of projects planned, from candle-making to tole painting. No skill required. Some projects are messy so please dress appropriately. For more information about the projects or to pre-register call the library.

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past year developed the Mental Health and Addiction Resource Collection which is housed at the library's central location in Merrillville. The collection offers many informative books, videos and audiocassettes to help people manage and understand mental health issues. This unique joint venture may be the only one of its kind in the U.S. between a public library and a treatment facility.

The Angel Award, determined annually by Southlake Center for Mental Health's board of directors, recognizes an individual or organization whose support and encouragement has made a significant contribution either to community based mental health services or to persons whose needs include mental health services. It is named in memory of Nickolas V. Angel, the original recipient in 1979, who as Lake County's treasurer was a strong advocate for community mental health care.

Interested in volunteering?

Then we have a job for **you!!**

Volunteers are needed to help the Book Coordinator in preparing books for the Book Sale Room and the annual Fall sale. Volunteers are also needed to work in the Book Sale Room as a cashier.

If you are interested, please call
Public Relations at 769-3541, ext. 317.

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PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

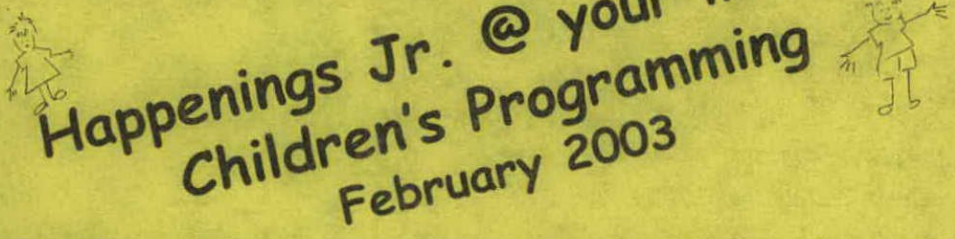
Feb. 10, through Mar. 17, Mon. at 10am, 1pm or 7pm or Tues. at 10am or 1pm. or Wed. at 10am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, are invited to this six-week series of stories, songs, crafts and more. Pre-register, ext. 360.

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS

Feb. 20, Thurs. at 4pm. Children, in grades 3 to 5, will make a fun and fascinating project during this program conducted by 4-H leader, Maryann Kukla. Pre-register, ext. 360

CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Feb. 27, Thurs. at 4pm. Children, in grades K and up, will hear stories about exciting and brave heroes from the Civil War era. They will hear about Addy from the American



Girls Collection and her escape to freedom. Games from this year will be played, and a craft and food will be shared too. Pre-register, ext. 360.

Black Oak Branch

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary *844-8809*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

FAMILY FILM DAY

Feb. 1, Sat. at 10:30am. All ages. Call the library to see which movie will be shown. Pre-register.

VOLUNTEERING IS FUN

Feb. 4, Tues. at 6pm. Miss Julie needs help from young adults, in grades 5 and up, for cutting out projects for preschool programs. When we finish the projects, we will play some games and enjoy some munchies. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 12, 19, and 26, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories, sing songs, play games and make a craft. Pre-register.

VALENTINE'S PARTY

Feb. 13, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Children, in grades K through 5, are invited to play games, hear stories and make sweet treats to give to your Valentine. Pre-register.

FAMILY FILM DAY

Feb. 17, Mon. at 10:30am. All ages. There is no school today! Hooray! Call the library to find out what movie we will show. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *374-7121*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

TODDLER TIME
Feb. 4, Tues. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregiver, will hear stories and participate in creative movement activities at this program. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR
Feb. 11, through March 18, Tues. at 10:30am. Books, music, story videos and simple crafts will be featured at this six-week story hour session for preschoolers, ages 3 to 5. Pre-register.

VALENTINES CELEBRATION
Feb. 13, Thur. at 4pm. Children, in grades K through 6, will play a Valentine game and make a rolled Valentine greeting card for someone special. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary *980-5180*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR
Feb. 11 through March 18, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, music and finger plays. Pre-register.

ANIMAL YARN PAINTING
Feb. 13, Thurs. at 4pm. Children, in grades K and up, will make Huichol art pictures. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *838-2825*
www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm

TODDLER CRAFT
Feb. 5, Wed. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 18 to 35 months, along with a caregiver, are invited to make a craft. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR
Feb. 10, Mon. at 10:30am. or Feb. 11, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy six weeks of stories, music, finger plays and games. Pre-register.

PETER AND THE WOLF
Feb. 13, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children, in grades K and up, will make a Peter and the Wolf play set. Pre-register.

A FORGOTTEN CHAMPION
Feb. 18, Tues. at 6:30pm. Children, ages 10 to 14, are invited to hear Griffith author Mary Wilds talk about the life of Major Taylor from her new book, *A Forgotten*

Champion. Here is your chance to learn about a little known Hoosier and bicycle racing. Pre-register.

LITTLE HOUSE PIONEERS

Feb. 20, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Little house pioneers, ages 7 and older, will hear the next chapter of Noah Blake's diary and make a sand clock. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *838-2394*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

THE BIRDS OF WINTER

Feb. 6, Thur. at 3:30pm. In honor of, "National Wild Bird Feeding Month", children in grades K and up will listen to a story about birds and make a bird feeder. The children will also make, "bird food" for people. Pre-register beginning Jan. 20th.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TODDLERS

Feb. 10, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2 and their caregivers, will enjoy stories, active songs, and a simple craft during this lap sit program. Pre-register beginning Jan. 27th.

LOVE BUGS

Feb. 11, Tues. at 10:30am. or Feb. 12, Wed. at 10:30am. or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories, sing songs, and do finger plays about friends and caring for others. They will make a love bug thumb puppet to take home. Pre-register beginning Jan. 27th.

WHISTLE STOP CAFÉ

Feb. 13, Thur. at 6:30pm. Young adults, in grade 5 and up, will meet in a coffee shop atmosphere to discuss books in the, *Zack Files*, series by Dan Greenburg, share refreshments, and have fun. Bring a friend. Pre-register beginning Jan. 27th.

FEAST FOR THE BIRDS

Feb. 18, Tues. at 10:30am. or Feb. 19, Wed. at 10:30am. or 1pm. To help celebrate "National Wild Bird Feeding Month", preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will listen to stories about birds, sing songs and make a bird feeder to take home. Pre-register beginning Feb. 3rd.

FUN WITH THOMAS

Feb. 24, Mon. at 10:30am. *Thomas the Tank Engine* stories will be featured for two year olds and their caregivers in this lap sit story time with active songs and a simple craft. Pre-register beginning Feb. 24th.

THE COOKIES CRUMBLE

Feb. 25, Tues. at 10:30am. or Feb. 26, Wed. at 10:30am. or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will listen to stories about cookies, sing songs, and make a simple craft. Pre-register beginning Feb. 10th.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St. *942-2243*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

WEE ONES

Feb. 12, & 26, Wed. at 10:30am. Infants, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with a caregiver, will enjoy stories, music, finger plays, nursery rhymes and toys. Pre-registration is not necessary.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS MEDIEVAL FEAST

Feb. 19, Wed. at 4pm. Children, in grades 4 and up, will have an opportunity to sign up for volunteer work in the month of March. The refreshments and activities for the program will be based around a Medieval Feast. Pre-registration is not necessary.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

TODDLER TIME

Feb. 4, Tues. at 6:30pm. or Feb. 5, Wed. at 11am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, songs and a craft. Pre-register beginning Jan. 20th.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 11, through Mar. 19, Tues. at 1:30pm. or 6:30pm, or Wed. at 10:30am. or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will be entertained with stories, music, crafts and other activities during this six week program. Pre-register.

MARVELOUS TOYS AND GAMES

Feb. 17, Mon. at 1:30pm. Children, in grades K through 5, will hear the story, *The Marvelous Toy*, play games that Grandpa played and make toys to take home. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave. *365-5379*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

MONDAY CRAFT NIGHT

Feb. 3, Mon. at 6pm. Crafters, ages 10 through 100, are invited to craft night. This month the projects will be making and decorating bottles of bath oil or lotion. Some projects are messy so dress for mess. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Feb. 11, through Mar. 18, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this six-week session of stories, music, games and crafts. Pre-register beginning Jan. 1st.

SWEETS TO THE SWEET

Feb. 13, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Children, in grades K and up, are invited to a Valentine party with stories and games. Two edible Valentines will be made, one to eat and one to give. Pre-register beginning Jan. 1st.

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB
Feb. 8, Sat. at 2pm. School age children will make a bird feeder to welcome back our feathered friends. Pre-register beginning Jan. 28th.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR
Feb. 11, through Mar. 18, Tues. at 1pm. or 6pm. or Feb. 12, through March 19, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this program of stories, songs, finger plays and crafts. Pre-register beginning Jan. 28th.

TRI KAPPA STORYTIME
Feb. 17, Mon. at 10:30am. 3-5 year olds. Tri Kappa members will assist preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, in creating a Fukusa, a Japanese gift cover. Children will also participate in a story time featuring oriental stories and songs. Pre-register beginning Jan. 28th.

TODDLER FUN FRIDAY
Feb. 21, Fri. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 24 to 36 months, along with a caregiver, will enjoy stories, songs and finger plays in a special Valentine's Day story time. Pre-register beginning Jan. 28th.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *962-2409*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

THE JOY OF READING
Feb. 6, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children, in grades K through 7, will get a chance to practice their reading with each other. Older children will read to younger children and visa versa. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR
Feb. 11, through Mar. 19, Tues. at 10:30am. or Wed. at 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories, participate in songs, finger plays and make crafts. Short films will also be shown. Pre-register.

A CELEBRATION OF HEARTS
Feb. 11, Tues. at 10:30am. or Feb. 12, Wed. at 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate Valentines Day with stories, finger plays and a Valentine craft. Pre-register.

THE PARENT TRAP
Feb. 20, Thurs. at 3:30pm. All ages are invited to watch the movie, *The Parent Trap*. Pre-register.

A VALENTINES DAY STORYHOUR
Feb. 13, Thur. at 3:30pm. Children, in grades K through 4, will hear Valentine stories, and make Valentines. Pre-register beginning Jan. 2nd.

DELIGHTFUL DOLLS
Feb. 18, Tues. at 10:30am. or Feb. 19, Wed. at 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear doll stories, participate in doll songs and make their own clothes pin doll. Pre-register.

TEEN CREATIVE WRITING
Feb. 24, Mon., at 7pm. Teens in grades 9-12 will do creative writing exercises that will teach them how to create their own pieces. Pre-register.

PENGUIN PARADE
Feb. 25, Tues. at 10:30am. or Feb. 26, Wed. at 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear penguin stories, participate in penguin finger plays and see the film, *The Tender Tale of Cinderella Penguin*. They will also make their own penguins. Pre-register.

CREATIVE WRITING FOR 7TH AND 8TH GRADES
Feb. 27, Thur. at 3:30pm. Children, in grades 7 and 8, will do creative writing exercises that will teach them how to create their own pieces. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *962-2421*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

LET IT SNOW!
Feb. 5, Wed. at 4pm. Preschoolers, in grades K through 3, will play winter games and make ice skaters. A film will be shown. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR
Feb. 12, through March 19, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, are invited to this six-week session filled with stories, games, songs, crafts and films. Pre-register.

GAME DAY
Feb. 25, Tues. at 4pm. Children, in grades 4 and up, will play a variety of board and paper games. Children may bring a board game to play. Pre-register.

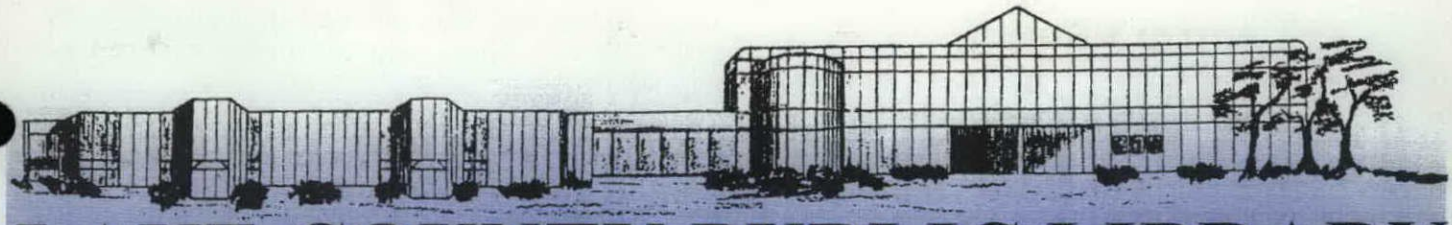
Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *836-8450*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

PANCAKES
Feb. 5, Wed. at 4pm. Children, in grades K and up, enjoy a pancake program with stories, craft, and other pancake related activities, then make and eat pancakes. Pre-register.

TERRIFIC 2s AND 3s
Feb. 10, 17, & 24, Mon. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will enjoy stories, music, craft and other activities with a different them each week. Pre-registration is not necessary.

FANTASTIC 4s AND 5s
Feb, 11, 18, & 25, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy stories, music, video and a craft, with a different theme each week. Pre-registration is not necessary.



LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARCH 2003 HAPPENINGS @ your library

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NEW PROGRAMS AT THE HOBART TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES

Change is in the air, especially with the Hobart Township libraries. This month there is a wide variety of programming available for visitors of all ages.

Computer classes will be offered on a variety of days to help our patrons feel more comfortable when using a PC. These classes will be held at the Hobart branch, 100 N. Main St. Sessions start with the basics in "Meet the Mouse." Surfing the Internet is covered during our "Navigating the Net" class while showing you tricks of the trade. Then, plan those summer vacations online or learn how to find those last minute deals after attending "Planes, Trains and Automobiles." More information on each program is listed inside along with the times and dates. Space is limited so interested participants must pre-register by calling 219-942-2243. All classes are free!

What's your interest?
Computer Training?
Travelogs?
Scrabble?
Reading, Reading, Reading?
Books, Books, Books?
HOBART TOWNSHIP LIBRARIES HAVE IT ALL

Scrabble fans will be pleased to learn that Wednesday, March 19, 6pm will be the debut of the Hobart Library Scrabble Club. Adults of all ages are invited to spend a warm evening strengthening their Scrabble vocabulary and techniques while meeting new friends. The Scrabble Club will meet monthly on Saturday's beginning in April.

Bibliophiles will enjoy listening to local author Jerry Scott speak at the Hobart branch on Saturday, March 22, 2pm about his book Reaching Out...Finding Your Treasure. Mr. Scott's book deals with some of life's biggest questions.

For our movie fans, the township libraries offer movie programs for people of all ages on weeknights and weekends. Classics from the 50's and 60's along with more recent titles are offered several times throughout the month.

Traveling can be expensive. So if you prefer to stay close to home, visit the Hobart library on the first Wednesday of each month for our video travel program. This month we journey to the land of Mexico. Patrons are encouraged to share experiences with other attendees during a brief show and tell session after the presentation.

A variety of children's programming is also available at all three locations. The New Chicago library celebrates National Pancake Week on Wednesday, March 5 by making pancakes during their school aged program. Children who enjoy making crafts may have fun at the Junior Garden Club held at the Hobart Library on Saturday, March 8.

The Lake Station branch offers a unique program entitled Reading, Reading, Reading where young children read to young adults and teens, and then teens read to the young. For the budding writer of your family, Lake Station also offers writing programs which focus on creative writing and exercises to improve skills. Contact Karin Olsen 219-962-2409 for more information.

From Scrabble to computers, basket weaving classes to writing sessions, the Hobart Township libraries strive to provide programming for all ages. Take a look inside for more information on programs listed above or other events happening this month.

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Noted heart surgeon,
Dr. David Jayakar, M.D.,
University of Chicago Hospitals,
to speak at
Central library.

Program dates:
Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m.,
topic: Beating Heart Surgery
Monday, March 24, 7 p.m.,
topic: Heart Valve Surgery

For more information
or to pre-register,
call Mary Stefanski,
Public Relations Coordinator at
219-769-3541 ext. 315.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

NATURAL (BIO-IDENTICAL) HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY

Mar. 4, Tues. at 6:30pm. A representative from the Medicine Shoppe will talk about HRT with participants who may be confused about this topic. Participants who find their sex drive is gone, or who suffer from hot flashes, night sweats, anxiety, depression, mood swings, and loss of concentration, memory or sleep should attend this program. Pre-register, ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Mar. 5, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This computer class will teach users how to hold, move and click a mouse. Attendance is limited. Pre-register, ext. 346.

BOOK SIGNING WITH WILLIAM RENNY

Mar. 6, Thurs. at 6pm. William Renny, local author of *Last Call*, will be on hand to sign and sell copies of his book. Renny is a pseudonym for Ronald Marsh. Marsh was raised in Griffith but presently lives in Lowell. Lake County is the setting for this fast paced novel. For more information call ext. 315.

BEATING HEART SURGERY

Mar. 8, Sat. at 10am. Dr. Jayakar, a cardiac surgeon from the University of Chicago Hospital, will speak about beating heart surgery, a new form of bypass surgery. This new form of surgery allows doctors to operate on a beating heart, rather than placing the patient on a heart/lung machine. Sponsored by Friends of LCPL. Pre-register, ext. 317.

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSIONS

Mar. 11 and 25, Tues. at 6:30pm. This discussion group was designed by the Foreign Policy Association and replaces the NIF discussions previously held here. Each month a video presentation will introduce the topic for discussion. This month's topic is "Afghanistan: A Fragile Peace." Pre-register, ext. 315.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Mar. 12, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This computer class is the next step for the beginner. Participants will learn about the keyboard, the Windows setup, word processing and finding help. Attendance is limited. Pre-register, ext. 346.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



THAT'S ITALIAN!
Comtemporary Italian settings and authors

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 13, Thurs. at 6pm. Interested readers are invited to join the discussion of *Louisa* by Simone Zelitch. In this modern retelling of the biblical story of Ruth and Naomi, Nora, a prickly holocaust survivor, arrives in the new state of Israel with her German daughter-in-law, Louisa. Louisa had saved Nora's life during the war; now it is Nora who is expected to provide support and guidance in this foreign land. Pre-register, ext. 340.

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Mar. 14, Fri. at 10am. This month's club meeting will feature "Orthopedic and Prosthetics Advancement" presented by Ron Pawlowski, CPO from Calumet Orthopedic & Prosthetic Co. in Hobart. Blood pressure screening will be available from 9:30am to 11:30am. Co-sponsored by Centier Bank. For more information call ext. 317.

HOW TO START A BUSINESS

Mar. 18, Tues. at 1pm to 5pm. The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) will present this workshop to interested business owners. Fees are $25 in advance; $30 at the door. Pre-register by calling the SBDC at 219-762-1696.

GARDENING SERIES-PLANT PROPAGATION

Mar. 18, Tues. at 7pm. This month's gardening program features Leslie Fahlsing, Master Gardener and Remus Farms, Indiana accredited horticulturist discussing plant propagation. Sponsored by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service, the gardening series programs will feature many speakers from the Lake County Master Gardeners Program. Pre-register, ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Mar. 19, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Interested participants will explore the library's home page and learn about web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

INDIANA SCBWI SPRING WRITERS EVENT

Mar. 22, Sat. from 9am to 4pm. Spend the day with experienced children's writers and learn what they are looking for and how to get an editors attention. The focus of this workshop will be in e-publishing and advice for authors of middle and young adult novels. Members is $65, non-members is $80. To have a registration form mailed to you call ext. 315.

HEART VALVE SURGERY

Mar. 24, Mon. at 7pm. Dr. Jayakar, a cardiac surgeon from the University of Chicago Hospital, will speak about heart valve surgery. Sponsored by Friends of LCPL. Pre-register, ext. 317.

MYSTERY LOVES COMPANY BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 25, Tues. at noon. Mystery lovers are invited to join in the

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: A patron called asking for contact information for Midway Airport but what she really needed was the name of the artist singing "Sweet Home Chicago" on the airport intercom. She wanted to purchase the record as a gift.

A: In describing the style of music and the female vocalist, the librarian suggested that Koko Taylor, a well-known Chicago blues artist was the vocalist. The patron admitted that many of her friends had come to that conclusion. The problem was that Koko Taylor's discography did not include that song.

A search of the Internet linking the song title with Koko Taylor came up with several hits, one of which was the Alligator Record Company's 20th Anniversary Tour recording with various artists. The credits for the "Sweet Home Chicago" track listed Koko Taylor as vocalist.

The patron was given this information along with the website for the record company.

discussion of *Bad News* by Donald Westlake. An extinct tribe and New York Indian Casino lead to an amazing scheme. Digging up graves and moving headstones start the fun. As Dortmunder states, "I am a robber, not a grave robber!" one begins to wonder if the next grave will be his. Pre-register, ext. 346.

RED CROSS DISASTER TRAINING PROGRAM

Mar. 31, Mon. at 7pm. The Red Cross will present this training program to help families design a disaster plan including a kit and training in CPR. Pre-register, ext. 317.

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings **@your library.**

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

PAINT WITH ACRYLICS

Mar. 1, Sat. at 9:30am to 1pm. Interested crafters will paint a lighthouse with matting on an 8" x 10" canvas. Fee of $10 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

PAINT WITH ACRYLICS

Mar. 17, Mon. at 6pm. Interested crafters will paint "Cotton Tail", a reverse glass painting on a 6" x 6" piece of glass. Fee of $10 covers the cost of materials and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

BOOKS AND CHAT

Mar. 18, Tues. at 2pm or Mar. 19, Wed. at 6:30pm. Readers are invited to join in the discussion of science fiction selection, *A Spell for Chameleon* by Piers Anthony. Bink of North Village travels to Xanth to find it is not the fairy tale place he was looking for. Pre-register.

PAINT WITH ACRYLICS

Mar. 22, Sat. at 9:30am to 1pm. Interested crafters will paint "Spring in the Park" with a palette knife and brush technique on an 8" x 10" canvas. Fee of $10 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Mar. 25, Tues. at 2pm. Travelers will journey to Japan, via large screen TV. Sites to be visited include a Zen temple, a Shinto shrine, the great Buddha of Kamakura, Himeji Castle and the Sanja Matsuri Festival in Tokyo. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 10, Mon. at 12:30pm. Mystery lovers are invited to join in the discussion of *Catch as Cat Can* by Rita Mae Brown. The author and her cat, Sneaky Pie Brown, describe the events surrounding suspicious deaths that Mary Minor "Harry" Haristeen, postmistress of the tiny town of Crozet, investigates with the aid of her cat, Mrs. Murphy. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 13, Thurs. at 6pm. Readers are invited to join in the discussion of *The Widow's Club* by Dorothy Cannell. The Misses Hyacinth and Primrose Tramwell are hired to investigate a woman's organization whose members choose widowhood over divorce. Pre-register.

HOMEWARD BOUND: THE INCREDIBLE JOURNEY

Mar. 22, Sat. at 3pm. The whole family is invited to watch in this remake of the 1962 movie, *The Incredible Journey* which is based on the book by Sheila Burnford. Michael J. Fox and Sally Field provide the voices for the lost pets. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 3, Mon. from 10am to 11:30pm. Unity Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

MOVIE: BISHOP'S WIFE

Mar. 8, Sat. at 2pm. The entire family is invited to watch *The Bishop's Wife* starring Cary Grant, Loretta Young, and David Niven. An angel materializes to aid a young bishop and his family. Pre-register.

LEARN TO CROCHET

Mar. 13, Thurs. at 11am. Marianne Deffenbaugh, staff member, and volunteer Donna Banas will teach crochet and assist any beginners in learning to refine their technique. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 19, Wed. at 7pm. Readers are invited to join in the discussion of *The Smoke Jumper* by Nicholas Evans. A tragic love triangle set in Big Sky Country involving two firefighters who jump out of planes to fight forest fires and the woman they both love. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Mar. 3, Mon. at 1:30pm or 7pm. *Petticoat Pioneers*, narrated by Richard Fatherley will be shown this month. This video celebrates accomplishments of women who have braved the challenges of westward expansion and gave the gift of a better life to the next generation. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 11, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm. Readers are invited to join the discussion of *Waiting* by Ha Jin. A story of star-crossed lovers, a married army doctor and the nurse he falls in love with during the revolution in China. Cultural laws dictate that the doctor cannot divorce his wife until they have been separated for 18 years. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 12, Wed. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. Call the library for more information.

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Amazing Gracie: A Dog's Life
by Dan Dyer and Mark Beckloff

"This is a beautiful story of a puppy and her growth into adulthood and the household that loves her."

My Faraway Home: An American Family's WWII Tale of Adventure and Survival in the Jungles of the Philippines
by Mary McKay Maynard

"The author, an American, was 7 in December, 1941, when the Japanese invaded the Philippines and she and her family fled to a remote jungle compound to hide. This is a realistic and interesting story of survival under increasingly difficult conditions."

The Alliance of Art and Industry: Toledo Designs for a Modern America
by Toledo Museum of Art

"A fascinating look at how art and design are combined in innovative ways and illustrated in some common objects we see and use every day."

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB

Mar. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am. This month's club meeting will feature "Thistle and Shamrocks" presented by June Skinner Sawyers who will provide a historic perspective of Celtic music in Chicago through musical illustration and slides that cover the Stock Yard Kiley Band to Francis O'Neill. Co-sponsored by Sand Ridge Bank. Pre-register by calling the bank at 972-7317.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Mar. 17, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Travelers will explore the desert sands of Jordan, where caravans and kings searched for riches of glory in Jordan, Kingdom of the Desert. This is a land where political and biblical history have been written for centuries. Pre-register.

AARP MATURE DRIVING COURSE

Mar. 20, Thurs. and Mar. 21, Fri. at 12:30pm to 4pm. Hal Schaller, an AARP representative, will present this 2 day driver training program designed to help older adults improve their driving skills. Some insurance companies offer discounts to participants. Both sessions must be attended in order to receive a certificate. Fee of $10 covers the cost of materials provided. Pre-register.

AUTHOR JERRY SCOTT VISITS LIBRARY

Mar. 20, Thurs. at 7pm. Jerry Scott, local author from Valparaiso, will read and discuss sections of his book, *Reaching Out, Finding Your Treasure*, which deals with the big questions of life such as,

"Who am I?", "What is my life about?", and "How should I live?" According to Scott, your treasure is the uniqueness of your life. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Mar. 24, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. This month's movie is *Going My Way* starring Bing Crosby. A progressive young priest is assigned to a parish badly in debt, and works to relieve their troubles despite the opposition of an older curate. Pre-register.

REVERSE MORTGAGE INFORMATION

Mar. 26, Wed. at 1pm. A reverse mortgage specialist with financial freedom will present an informational program on how a government-insured home equity conversion mortgage program works and how it can benefit you. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 27, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Aunt Dimity's Death* by Nancy Atherton. Lori Shepherd learns that she will inherit a sizable estate from her recently deceased Aunt Dimity, but there is a catch. Lori must first discover the secret hidden in the letters in Dimity's cottage. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Mar. 31, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. On the big screen this month is *Friendly Persuasion* starring Gary Cooper and Dorothy McGuire. This is a classic story of a devout Quaker's crisis of conscience in the face of armed conflict during the Civil War. Pre-register.

DO YOU SURF? @ your library

Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race – www.iditarod.com

The great race will start in Anchorage, AK on March 1. Over 80 mushers will try to make it to Nome – a distance of 1122 miles. The site presents general information about the race, along with musher biographies, trail maps, official rules, and links about Alaska.

Ohio Bicentennial – www.ohio200.org

Our neighbor to the East celebrates its 200th birthday. Events are scheduled throughout the year, highlighted by 5 signature events. One attraction will feature the largest gathering of tall ships on Lake Erie since the 1800's. Learn more about the festivities at this website.

Indiana Flower and Patio Show – www.hsishows.com/indiana_flower_patio/index.html

The 45th Annual Indiana Flower and Patio show will take place March 8-16 in Indianapolis. Spectacular gardens will be presented along with a host of special events. Over 100,000 people are expected to attend.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR APRIL BOOK DISCUSSION

The April title for discussion, *Mother Brooklyn* by Jonathan Lethem may be picked up after March 11, 2003. The informal discussion will be held on April 24 at 7pm.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR APRIL MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

The April title for discussion, *Bad News* by Donald Westlake, will be available for pickup after March 27, 2003. The informal discussion will be held April 24, 2003 at 7pm.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ONE ON ONE COMPUTER TRAINING

Appointments available during March on Mondays, 2pm to 5pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 4pm to 7pm and Saturdays 1pm to 4pm. One on one training is available for Microsoft Word and Excel and also the Internet. Call the library to make an appointment.

PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES

Mar. 3, Mon. at 2pm or Mar. 11, Tues. at 6pm. Interested participants will learn how to find travel information via the web, including sites for hotels, rental cars, flights and more. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

MEET THE MOUSE

Mar. 4, Tues. at 6pm or Mar. 15, Sat. at 10am. This computer class will teach users how to hold, move and click a mouse, as well as review essential parts of a computer including common terminology. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN...TO MEXICO

Mar. 5, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers will visit ancient pyramids at Teotihuacan, the National Museum of Anthropology, Mexico City and Xochimilco's colorful canals. Pre-register.

NAVIGATING THE NET

Mar. 8, Sat. at 11am or Mar. 12, Wed. at 6pm. Interested participants will learn how to explore the library's home page while learning about web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

FINANCIAL STRATEGIES FOR TODAY'S WOMEN

Mar. 13, Thurs. at 7pm. A representative from Primerica Finan-

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cial Services will teach interested women how to take control of their money and their future. Pre-register.

CINEMATHERAPY SESSIONS

Mar. 15, Sat. at 2pm. A classic Hollywood musical will be featured this month, via large screen TV. Don Lockwood, played by Gene Kelly, falls hard for sweet Chorine, played by Debbie Reynolds, whom he meets while trying to escape from some overly enthusiastic fans. Pre-register.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Mar. 19, Wed. at 6pm. The scrabble club debuts this month. Interested participants are invited to test their vocabulary and Scrabble techniques while meeting new friends. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 20, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

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HERRINGBONE TWILL BASKET WITH SPRING COLORS

Mar. 29, Sat. at 9:30pm to 1:30pm. Rose Rasmusen will teach interested crafters how to make this basket. Participants need to bring a bucket and a towel. Fee of $21 covers the cost of materials provided and is due by March 26. Basket is on display at the library. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 14, Fri. from 12:30pm to 2pm. A retired nurse will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

MOVIE MANIA

Mar. 20, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Adults and children will enjoy this month's movie, *Indian in the Cupboard*. Pre-register.

EVENING TRAVEL

Mar. 31, Mon. at 6pm. Interested travelers will visit San Francisco, via large screen TV. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

A LOOK BACK: CAROL BURNETT

Mar. 5, Wed. at 2pm. Carol Burnett, actress and comedian, is a respected and widely known performer. Participants will enjoy this video biography about her life. Pre-register.

AFTERNOON BOOK CHAT

Mar. 18, Tues. at 2pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Gap Creek: Story of a Marriage* by Robert Morgan. Morgan's novel is about a young couple facing the trials of marriage in the changing century. Pre-register.

PAPERBACK BOOK SALE

Mar. 28, Fri. from 10am to 6pm and Mar. 29, Sat. from 9am to 5pm. A special paperback sale will be held during open hours of the library. For more information call the library.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR APRIL'S AFTERNOON BOOK CHAT

The April title for discussion, Charlotte Gray by Sebastian Faulks may be picked up after March 18, 2003. The book discussion will be held on April 15 at the Hobart Branch library.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Mar. 27, Thurs. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

RETIREMENT PLANS FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Mar. 5, Wed. at 7pm. Interested small business owners will learn how to help employees plan for a secure retirement from Duane Huizenga, a financial analyst from Primerica Financial Services. Pre-register.

HITCHCOCK ON THE BIG SCREEN

Mar. 10, Mon. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm. On the big screen this month is *Notorious*. Hitchcocks's post WWII story is of a beautiful playgirl, played by Ingrid Bergman, who is sent by the U.S. government to marry a suspected spy, played by Claude Rains. Cynical agent Devlin, played by Cary Grant, is assigned to watch her. Pre-register.

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WHAT WORK REQUIRES OF SCHOOL: LINKING LEARNING TO LIVELIHOOD

Mar. 12, Wed. at 6:30pm. By the year 2005, jobs will demand competence in problem solving and team effort. Successful individuals will need to know how to integrate knowledge, technology, social skills and abilities. This month's Prime Time session will focus on what work requires of schools and the implications for teaching and learning for our future's children. Pre-register.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Mar. 13, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Readers are invited to join in the discussion of *Unravelling* by Elizabeth Graver. Aimee Slater, born in 1829, grows up on a small New Hampshire farm, always wanting more. In a story that moves back and forth in time from Aimee's childhood to her year 15 to 15 in the textile mills of Lowell, Massachusetts, to her present when she lives alone on the edge of her parent's property. Pre-register.

EXPLORE AUSTRALIA

Mar. 20, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm. Interested travelers will tour Australia, and its beautiful capital, Canberra, visit the modern city of Sydney, search out the rugged Outback and then dive to the depths of the Great Barrier Reef. Pre-register.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Mar. 27, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to this month's discussion of *Moral Sense of Man and Lower Animals* by Darwin and Out of Justice by Hume. These selections are from the First Series of Great Books. A one time fee of $25 covers the cost of the set of books. Pre-register.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

TUESDAY CROSS-STITCHERS

Mar. 4, Tues. at 6:30pm. Interested cross-stitchers are invited for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Stitchers can get assistance with difficult projects, share new ideas and view the latest issues of cross-stitch magazines and books. Adults only, please. Pre-register.

LONG TERM CARE IN INDIANA

Mar. 22, Sat. at 10am or 2pm. Paul Sciarra of Banker's Life and Casualty will discuss ways to protect one's assets when planning for long-term care. Mr. Sciarra will explain how Medicare, Medicaid, and the Indiana Long-Term Care Partnership affect the costs of care in Indiana.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY

Mar. 26, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers will journey to Ireland to explore Barney Castle, kiss the Blarney Stone, follow the footsteps of St. Patrick and enjoy Ireland's renowned hospitality. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Mar. 27, Thurs. at 10:15am. Readers are invited to join in the discussion of *The Last Time They Met* by Anita Shreve. A man and woman sustain a life-long passion even though they've met only three times. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

MONDAY NIGHT CRAFT NIGHT

Mar. 3, Mon. at 6pm. Interested crafters, ages 10 to 100, will work on a wide range of projects from candle making to tole painting. Some projects are messy; do dress appropriately. For more information about this month's project. Pre-register.

FINANCIAL WORKSHOP FOR INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS

Mar. 12 through Apr. 2, Weds. at 6pm. A representative from Edward Jones will present this workshop on individual investing at this four week course. Fee of $8 covers the course workbook. Pre-register.

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PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

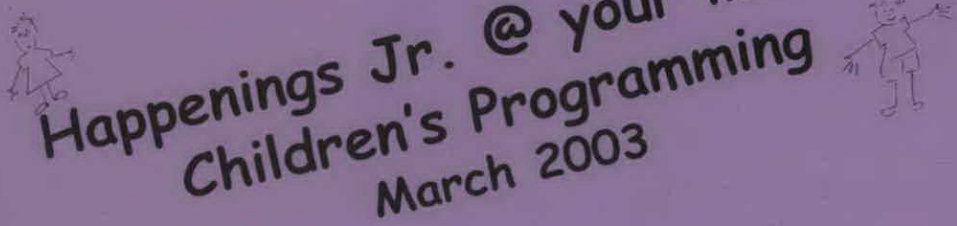
Mar. 3, through 19, Mon. at 10am, 1pm or 7pm, Tues. at 10am or 1pm, or Wed. at 10am or 1pm. Story hour continues for preschoolers, ages 3 to 5. Pre-register ext. 360.

TREMENDOUS TREASURE HUNTS

Mar. 13, Thur. at 4pm. Children in grades K and up will hear stories about treasure hunts, leprechauns, pirates and hidden treasures. Children will also participate in a treasure hunt. Pre-register ext. 360.

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS

Mar. 17, Mon. at 4pm. Children in grades 3 to 5 will make a fun



and fascinating project during the program conducted by a 4-H leader, Maryann Kukla. Pre-register ext. 360.

IT'S A MESS !!

Mar. 27, Thur. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will celebrate spring-cleaning with stories, broom games and then make a dust bunny craft. Pre-register ext. 360.

Black Oak Branch

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary *844-8809*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Mar. 5, 12, and 19, Weds. at 10:30am. Story hour continues for preschoolers, ages 3 to 5. Pre-register.

FAMILY FILM FUN

Mar. 8, Sat. at 10:30am. All ages are invited to watch a movie at the library. Call the library to see which film will be shown. Pre-register.

GAME NIGHT

Mar. 11, Tues. at 6pm. Learn some new card games and play some old favorites. Bring a friend and a board game if you wish. Pre-register.

RAIN RAIN GO AWAY

Mar. 25, Tues. at 6pm. Stories about terrible, horrible, no-good, very bad days will be shared before making a cheery craft to beat those rainy day blues. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *374-7121*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR
Mar. 4, 11, and 18, Tues. at 10:30am. Story hour continues for preschoolers, ages 3 to 5. Pre-register.

SHAMROCK SHAKE
Mar. 13, Thur. at 4pm. Children in grades K-6 will listen to an Irish folktale, Irish music and enjoy a delicious Shamrock shake. Pre-register.

DRAW! SCULPT! ACT!
Mar. 26, Wed. at 6pm. Young adults, ages 12 to 17, will play the game, "Draw, Sculpt, Act". Teams will compete for some unique prizes. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary *980-5180*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR
Mar. 4, 11 and 18, Tues. at 1pm. Story hour continues for preschoolers, ages 3 to 5. Pre-register.

SPRINGTIME
Mar. 13, Thur. at 4pm. Children in grades K and up will celebrate the arrival of spring with a story and a vase of pussy willows. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *838-2825*
www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm

KITE MAKING
Mar. 13, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and up will make a ring kite. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION
Mar. 19, Wed. at 4pm. Children, ages 10 to 14, are invited to join the discussion of *The Great Whale of Kansas* by Richard Jennings. Pre-register.

LITTLE HOUSE PIONEERS
Mar. 20, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children ages 7 and older will make butter after hearing another chapter of *Noah Blake's Diary*. Pre-register.

BAT MOBILE
Mar. 27, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will make a bat mobile. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *838-2394*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

THIS LITTLE PIGGY

Mar. 4, Tues. at 10:30am or Mar. 5, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. In honor of National Pig Day, preschoolers, age 3to 5, will hear stories about pigs, sing songs and create a simple craft. Pre-register.

GREEN

Mar. 10, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2, along with their caregivers, will hear stories about frogs, sing songs, and make a simple craft. Pre-register.

STORMY DAY

Mar. 11, Tues. at 10:30am or Mar. 12, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will listen to stories about storms, sing songs and make a simple craft. Pre-register.

WHISTLE STOP CAFÉ

Mar. 13, Thur. at 6:30pm. Young adults, in grades 5 and higher, will discuss the book, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, and other books by C.S. Lewis, in a coffee house setting. Refreshments will be served. Share the fun and bring a friend. Pre-register.

IT ISN'T EASY BEING GREEN

Mar. 18, Tues. at 10:30am or Mar. 19, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will listen to stories about frogs, sing songs and make a froggy craft. Pre-register.

THIS LITTLE PIGGY

Mar. 24, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will listen to stories about pigs, sing active songs and make a simple piggy craft. Pre-register.

KITE FLYING 101

Mar. 25, Tues. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and up will learn about kites from history to construction. They will construct a simple kite in preparation for April which is National Kite Month. Pre-register.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *942-2243*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

Mar. 8, Sat. at 2pm. Members of the Hobart Jr. Garden Club will learn about growing decorative indoor plants from members of the Hobart Garden Club. Children will create their own dish garden to take home. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR

Mar. 12, Wed. at 10:30am. The Cerebral Palsy and Special Needs Center will

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR
Mar. 4, through Mar. 19, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm, or Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Story hour continues for preschoolers, ages 3 to 5. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME
Mar. 3, Mon. at 6:30pm or Mar. 4, Tues. at 11:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers will hear stories about lions, lambs and kites. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME
Mar. 25, Tues. at 6:30pm or Mar. 26, Wed. at 10am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear stories, songs and make a craft. Pre-register.

LUNCHTIME MOVIE
Mar. 26, Wed. at 12:30pm. Students in grades 3 and higher may bring a sack lunch to munch while watching a large screen showing of a popular children's video. Pre-register.

POISON PREVENTION AWARENESS
Mar. 27, Thur. at 6:30pm. Children in grades K through 2 will learn about potentially dangerous products in the home through stories and games. Pre-register.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Ave. *365-5379*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

CRAFT NIGHT
Mar. 3, Mon. at 6pm. Interested crafters, ages 10 to 100, are invited to make a basket out of recycled materials. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR
Mar. 4, 11 and 18, Tues. at 10:30am. Story hour continues for preschoolers, ages 3 to 5. Pre-register.

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO BE IRISH!
Mar. 27, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Children in grades K and up are invited to a belated St. Patrick's Day party. We'll play games with potatoes and make a potato leprechaun. Pre-register.



watch a film and play pancake games. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Mar. 5, 12, or 19, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, films, songs and a craft. Pre-register.

NATIONAL CRAFT MONTH

Mar. 26, Wed. at 4pm. Children, ages 9 and up, will use creative talents to make a variety of crafts and watch a film. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *836-8450*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

TERRIFIC 2's & 3's

Mar. 3, through 31, Mon. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, will enjoy stories, music, craft and other activities with a different theme each week. Pre-registration is not necessary.

FANTASTIC 4's & 5's

Mar. 4, through 18, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy stories, music, video and a craft with a different theme each week. Pre-registration is not necessary.

NOODLE CELEBRATION

Mar. 12, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and up will hear noodle stories, make a noodle craft and participate in noodle activities then eat noodles. Pre-registration is not necessary.

WEE ONES

Mar. 19, Wed. at 10:30am. Infants, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers will enjoy stories, music, finger plays, nursery rhymes and toys. Pre-registration is not necessary.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS MEXICAN FIESTA

Mar. 19, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades 4 and higher will have the opportunity to sign up to do volunteer work during the month of April. The refreshments and activities for the program will be based around a Mexican Fiesta. Pre-registration is not necessary.



participate in this story hour to recognize March as "Understanding Persons with Disabilities Month". They will have stories to help the children understand disabilities. Pre-register.

TODDLER FUN FRIDAY

Mar. 14 and 21, Fri. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 20 months to 36 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy this story hour to welcome spring. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *962-2409*

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

DEEP SEA CREATURE FEATURE

Mar. 4, Tues. at 10:30am or Mar. 5, Wed. at 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, poems and songs about wondrous creatures of the deep sea. Children will then make a glittering fish project. Pre-register.

READING! READING! READING!

Mar. 6, Thur. at 3:30pm. This continuing reading program for children of all ages has older readers and younger readers improving their skills by reading to each other. Pre-register.

LEAPING LEPRECHAUNS!

Mar. 11, Tues. at 10:30am. or Mar. 12, Wed. at 6pm. In celebration of St. Patrick's Day preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear Leprechaun stories, and make a Leprechaun stick puppet. Wear some green! Pre-register.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY STORYTIME

Mar. 13, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K through 4 will hear Irish fairytales, participate in Irish songs and make a St. Patrick's day craft. Pre-register.

FROG CELEBRATION

Mar. 18, Tues. at 10:30am or Mar. 19, Wed. at 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate frogs with stories, songs and a special craft. Pre-register.

PAINTED DOUGH SNAIL SPIRALS

Mar. 27, Thur. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K through 8 are invited to create stunning snail shell spirals with bright paints and patterns. Number of participants limited to 12. Pre-register by March 14.

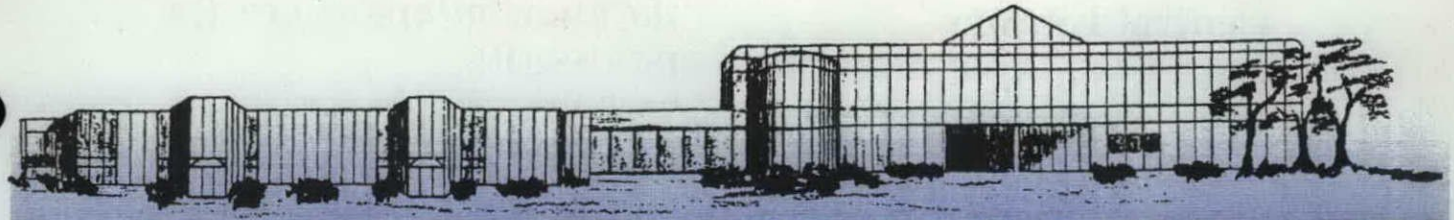
New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *962-2421*

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

NATIONAL PANCAKE WEEK

Mar. 5, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K through 3 will help make pancakes,



LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

APRIL 2003 HAPPENINGS @ your library

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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK
April 6 - 12, 2003

In the mid-1950's, research showed that Americans were spending less time on books and more on radios, televisions and musical instruments. In today's high tech society, we have even more distractions preventing us from reading such as the Internet, e-mails, DVD's, etc. The American Library Association (ALA) and the American Book Publishers formed a non-profit citizens organization in 1954 called the National Book Committee due to their worry that Americans were reading less.

The goals of the National Book Committee were broad in scope. They varied from "encouraging people to read in their increasing leisure time" to "improving incomes and health" and "developing strong and happy family life." In 1957, the committee developed a plan for National Library Week based on the idea that once people were motivated to read, they would support and use libraries. With the cooperation of ALA and with help from the Advertising Council, the first National Library Week was observed in 1958.

It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians!!

National Library Week was observed again in 1959, and the ALA Council voted to continue the annual celebration. When the National Book Committee disbanded in 1974, ALA assumed full sponsorship.

National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the ALA and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries-school, public, academic and special participate.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK
April 27-May 3, 2003

The theme for the 30th annual National Volunteer Week is "Celebrate Volunteers – The Spirit of America." The purpose of this week is to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers at the local, state and national levels. According to the Points of Light Foundation and Volunteer Center National Network, "More than 100 million people in this country volunteer their time, talent and energy to help others, solve social problems and build strong communities. These

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We appreciate the Lake County Public Library volunteers not just in the month of April but always. If you have a few extra hours on you hands and would like to learn more about our volunteer opportunities, contact Sharon Ball, Community Resources Coordinator at 219-769-3541 ext. 309

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Apr. 2, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Beginning users of the computer will learn how to hold, move and click a mouse. Attendance is limited. Pre-register, ext. 346, beginning March 15.

LOCAL AUTHOR BEN LUTE VISITS LIBRARY

Apr. 2, Weds. at 7pm. Valparaiso resident and author of *Win/Win: the Art of Synergistic Communication* will discuss his book on effective communication in the workplace, then sell and sign copies of his book. Pre-register, ext. 317.

BETTER VERICOSE VEIN REMOVAL

Apr. 3, Thurs. at 7pm or Apr. 8, Tues. at 7pm. Thoracic cardiovascular surgeon, Benjamin Tang, M.D., will explain the new minimally invasive TriVex System for varicose vein removal offered at St. Mary Medical Center in Hobart. The new surgery offers faster recovery time, fewer incisions and less discomfort than traditional vein stripping surgery. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register, ext. 317.

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSIONS

Apr. 8 and 22, Tues. at 6:30pm. The Great Decisions Discussions, designed by the Foreign Policy Association, replaces the NIF discussions previously held. Each topic will be introduced by a video presentation. This month's topic is "The Un-easy U.S. Saudi Alliance." Pre-register, ext. 315.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Apr. 9, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This computer class is the next step up from being a beginner. Participants will learn computer terminology and about Windows. Attendance is limited. Pre-register, ext. 346, beginning March 15.

READER'S ADVISORY @ your library



HOAXES, FRAUDS AND FAKERIES
IN LITERATURE AND REALITY

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 10, Thurs. at 6pm. This month's discussion is of *White Teeth* by Zadie Smith. This tour of modern, multi-cultural, multi-generational London, featuring the Jones and Iqbal families, which provides a revealing look at the post-colonial immigrant experience: how they got there and how they coped. Pre-register, ext. 340.

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Apr. 11, Fri. at 10am. This month's club meeting features "Estate Planning Workshop" presented by Chris Yugo, Vice President and Trust Officer at Centier Bank. Blood pressure screening will be available from 9:30-11:30. Co-sponsored by Centier Bank. For more information call ext. 315.

GARDENING SERIES - LAWNS: EMPASIS ON CARE

Apr. 15, Tues. at 7pm. This month's gardening topic will be presented by Stan Sims, of Purdue Cooperative Extension Service. Co-sponsored with Purdue Univ. Coop. Ext. Service featuring the Speakers Bureau of Lake Co. Master Gardeners Program. Master Gardeners can achieve advanced training hours by attending any of these programs. Pre-register, ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Apr. 16, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Participants will explore the library's homepage and learn how to use the Internet. Attendance is limited. Pre-register, ext. 346, beginning March 15.

MYSTERY LOVES COMPANY BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 22, Tues. at noon. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *The Beekeepers Apprentice* by Laurie King. At 15, Mary Russell is ready to get away from home and does so with frequent trips to Sussex Downs. She meets and impresses Sherlock Holmes. Both begin looking for a kidnapped girl, experience threats on their lives, and more. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register, ext. 336.

COMPUTER CLASS: NO SWEAT RESUMES AT YOUR LIBRARY

Apr. 23, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Participants will learn how to create a resume on a WinWay Resume program. Attendance is limited. Pre-register, ext. 346 beginning March 15.

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: "There used to be a video store in Merrillville, but it burned down 3 or 4 years ago," a patron told us. The he asked, "How was the store's name spelled, what was the address of the video store, the phone number, and when did it burn down?"

A: It was Nicholodeon Video at 57th and Harrison in Merrillville. Old phone directories that the library keeps provided the reference librarian with the address and phone number as well as the spelling of the store name. In addition, the Post-Tribune index found on the Library's catalog had leads to articles appearing in the Post-Tribune that stated the store burned in March 1997.

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings **@your library.**

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

PAINT WITH ACRYLICS

Apr. 5, Sat. at 9:30am to 1pm. Interested crafters will paint a book of violets on wood. Fee of $10 to cover the cost of materials is due at the time of registration. Visit the library to pre-register.

KNITTING CLASS

Apr. 14 and 28, Mon. at 7pm. Participants wishing to learn how to knit or refine their skills just need to bring their yarn and needles to learn various techniques. Pre-register.

BOOKS AND CHAT

Apr. 15, Tues. at 2pm or Apr. 16, Wed. at 6:30pm. Interested readers are invited to join the discussion of David McCullough's biography's *John Adams*. Adams is a founding father that has intrigued people for years. See what you think after reading about this man from our past. Pre-register.

PAINT WITH ACRYLICS

Apr. 21, Mon. at 6pm. Interested crafters will paint a scratchboard Toucan. Fee of $10 to cover the cost of materials is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Apr. 22, Tues. at 2pm. Travelers will tour, via large screen TV, the Caribbean Islands which include Jamaica, Barbados, Martinique, Cayman Islands, the Bahamas and St. Thomas. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 14, Mon. at 12:30pm. Interested readers are invited to join in the discussion of *Truffled Feathers* by Nancy Fairbanks. While being wined & dined in the Big Apple by a pharmaceutical company interested in hiring Carolyn's husband as a consultant, Max (the head of R&D) keels over dead in the pastrami. The supposedly well-liked Max seems to have ruffled a few too many feathers. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 28, Mon. at 6pm. Interested readers are invited to join in the discussion of *The Last Girls* by Lee Smith. Four college suitemates are reunited on a boat tour of the mighty Mississippi, a trip they had taken thirty-five years before, after reading *Huckleberry Finn*. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 7, Mon. from 10am to 11:30am. Unity Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

PREPARE FOR RETIREMENT

Apr. 8, Tues. at 6pm. Louisa Orellana from Waddell and Reed will present this program for those planning for retirement in the near or distant future. Pre-register.

MOVIE: VERTIGO

Apr. 12, Sat. at 2pm. This month is an Alfred Hitchcock classic. An elaborately constructed murder story and a fascinating study in sexual obsession in this classic Alfred Hitchcock film. A detective (James Stewart) with a fear of heights is drawn into a complex plot in which a girl (Kim Novak) he loves apparently falls to her death. He then meets her double and tries to re-create the image of the woman he has loved but lost in death. Pre-register.

GRIFFITH BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 16, Wed. at 7pm. Interested readers are invited to join in the discussion of *Those Jordan Girls* by Joan Drury. Gummie is the formidable, larger-than-life matriarch of four generations of the Jordans in Minnesota whose life includes publishing a left-wing newspaper, taking part in all the major social movements of the 20th century. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

VIDEO HISTORY SERIES - GREAT SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE

Apr. 7, Mon. at 1:30pm or 7pm. The amazing resources of the human spirit in the face of adversity here demonstrated by the diverse population of San Francisco during and after the April 18, 1906 earthquake and fire. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 8, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm. Interested readers are invited to join the discussion of *Motherless Brooklyn* by Jonathan Lethem. Lethem puts a new twist on the classic detective novel as he presents a narrator with Tourette's Syndrome and gives his unusual hero a way with words that first intrigues and then totally captivates the readers. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR MAY BOOK DISCUSSION

The May title for discussion, *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen, may be picked up after April 8, 2003. The informal discussion will be held on May 13, 2003 at 2pm or 7pm.

the Staff Recommends@ your library

Are you ready to start preparing for an upcoming test such as the SAT, LSAT, GRE or GED? If so, the library has a database that will help you study both at the Library and through your Internet connections at home. **LearnATest** is an electronic database that you first click on and then register with them for free. It helps to have an email account, even a free email account, set up and then when you take practice tests, you can have your results e-mailed to you. Resident library patrons can access **LearnATest** at home from the library's web site. Enjoy studying in the library? All locations have computers which can access this electronic database. The tests are not limited to school; you'll also find help on the following subjects – ASVAB, US Citizenship, Firefighter & PPST: Praxis 1.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 9, Wed. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

LOCAL AUTHOR GREGORY JOSEPH LADD VISITS LIBRARY

Apr. 9, Wed. at 7pm. Highland resident and author, Gregory Joseph Ladd will sign and sell copies of his book, *Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen: A Man for all Media* after a presentation. Cost of the book is $24.95. All proceeds will benefit the Archbishop Sheen Foundation. Pre-register.

LOCAL AUTHOR BEN LUTE VISITS LIBRARY

Apr. 15, Tues. at 7pm. Valparaiso resident and author of *Win/Win: the Art of Synergistic Communication* will discuss his book on effective communication in the workplace, then sell and sign copies of his book. Pre-register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Apr. 21, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Travelers will enjoy a trip down the Rhine river as it crosses through the Alps, with views of the many towns, villages and castles along its banks,

via large screen TV. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 24, Thurs. at 7pm. Mystery readers are invited to join the discussion of *The Deadhouse* by Linda Fairstein. Fairstein, prosecutor of crimes of sexual assault and domestic violence has created a best-selling series featuring the similarly employed by Alexandra Cooper. Her mystery offers a mix of murder, romance and suspense along with the history of an ominous building on Roosevelt Island once used as a smallpox sanitarium. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR MAY BOOK DISCUSSION

The May title for discussion, *Mallory's Oracle*, may be picked up after April 24, 2003. The informal discussion will be held on May 22, 2003 at 7pm.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Apr. 28, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. On the big screen this month is *Easter Parade* starring Fred Astaire, Judy Garland, Peter Lawford and Ann Miller. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

DO YOU SURF? @ your library

Pecans - www.ilovepecans.org
Yes, it's a website devoted to pecans, and nothing but pecans, offered by the National Pecan Sheller's Association. Health news related to pecans is available, along with recipes, history, nutritional information, and a directory listing only the finest companies selling pecan products.

United States Mint - www.usmint.gov
Up-to-date news on coin releases, such as the 50 State Quarters Program. Easily navigable, this site offers history of the Mint, trivia, and an opportunity to purchase coin sets online. It also has a section useful for kids and teachers called H.I.P. Pocket Change.

Roger Ebert's Overlooked Film Festival - www.ebertfest.com
The 5th Annual Roger Ebert's Overlooked Film Festival takes place April 23-27 in Champaign, IL. Chosen by Ebert, the entries include films without distributors, independent and studio films that did not win wide audiences, formats such as 70mm and silent films, and overlooked genres like the documentary. After each film, there will be a panel discussion that includes guests from the cinema industry.

Academy of American Poets - www.poets.org
April is National Poetry Month. The Academy creates events and projects throughout the United States in order to increase the public's appreciation for American poetry. This website offers biographical information on more than 450 poets, poems (both in print and audio), and a poetry events calendar.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ONE ON ONE COMPUTER ASSISTANCE

During the month of April, one on one tutor training is available for Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Internet and WebPac. Appointments are available on Mondays from 2pm to 5pm, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4pm to 7pm and Saturdays from 1pm to 4pm. Call the library to make an appointment.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN ... TO PARIS

Apr. 2, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers will visit, via large screen TV, the city of love, Paris, France and see world reknowned sites such as the Left Bank and Parisian museums, then tour the coast of Normandy and end the journey at a castle in Brittany. Pre-register.

SATURDAY CINEMATHERAPY

Apr. 12, Sat. at 2pm. This month's movie is *Rear Window*, a suspenseful Hitchcock film starring James Stewart and Grace Kelly. Stewart plays a photojournalist confined to his apartment with a broken leg begins spying on his neighbors with binoculars and believes to have witnessed a murder. Pre-register.

AFTERNOON BOOK CHAT

Apr. 15, Tues. at 2pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Charlotte Gray* by Sebastian Faulks. Faulks focuses on a young Scottish woman who falls in love with a WWII RAF pilot shortly before his plane is lost over France. She joins the Resistance movement to find him, only to discover a larger meaning in her new role. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR MAY'S AFTERNOON BOOK CHAT

The May title for discussion, *The Witness*, by Sandra Brown may be picked up after April 15, 2003. The book discussion will be held on May 20 at the Lake Station Branch.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 17, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide a nurse to conduct free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

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SCRABBLE CLUB

Apr. 19, Sat. at 2pm. Adults of all ages are invited to challenge their Scrabble vocabulary and techniques during this monthly meeting. Attendance is limited. Pre-registration begins March 12.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 11, Fri. from 12:30pm to 2pm. A retired nurse will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

QUEEN ELIZABETH I: A VIDEO BIOGRAPHY

Apr. 2, Wed. at 2pm. Historians note the reign of Queen Elizabeth I as the golden age, daughter of Henry the VIII and Anne Boleyn, Elizabeth faced many challenges during her youth and time on the throne. This biographical video discusses her life as one of England's most notable sovereigns. Pre-register.

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

Apr. 26, May 3, 10, 17, Sat. at 10am to 11:30am. This is an orientation class for those taking the test to become United States citizens. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

ESTATE PLANNING: A GUIDE TO PRESERVING AND TRANSFERRING WEALTH

Apr. 3, Thurs. at 2pm. Matt Laker of Wachovia Securities will present this informative program on what is involved in planning an estate. A question and answer period will conclude the program. Pre-register.

TV: HERO OR VILLIAN? MAKING THE MOST OF TV

Apr. 9, Wed. at 6:30pm. This month's Prime Time Session will feature Delphine Condon, Reading Consultant. She will discuss ways to make the most of children watching TV by turning the TV to turn on learning. Experts disagree about the number of hours children spend watching TV. But adults can agree that the influence of TV is becoming more and more powerful and that trying to stay in control of this is overwhelming. But a parent or teacher can make TV a partner in helping children learn. Pre-register.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Apr. 10, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Interested readers are invited to join the discussion of *Jim the Boy* by Tony Earley. Earley's novel is a coming-of-age story set in rural North Carolina during the Depression. Everyone is feeling the pinch except for Jim and his mother and 3 uncles who have split the paternal role neatly between them since Jim's dad died a decade earlier. Pre-register.

ON THE BIG SCREEN: THE ROOKIE

Apr. 14, Mon. at 1:30pm or 6pm. Baseball movie fans will enjoy kicking off the season with *The Rookie* starring Dennis Quaid. Character Jim Morris thought his dream was over but then made a fateful bet with the team he coaches. If the team won the district championship then Morris would try out for the majors. The team went from worst to first and Jim was now on the road to becoming the oldest rookie in the major leagues. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Apr. 17, Thurs. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood screening. For more information call the library.

EXPLORE NORWAY

Apr. 17, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm. Travelers will tour Norway's national treasure, the magnificent fjords, then take an artistic tour of Norway's capital, Oslo, with her many museums and architectural masterpieces. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

TALES WITH A TWANG: MARK TWAIN CLASSICS BROUGHT TO LIFE

Apr. 21, Mon. at 7pm. In a tribute to Mark Twain on the

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date of his death, professional storyteller, Grant Fitch, will bring Twain's characters to life by performing "The Jumping Frog of Calaveras County," selections from *Huckleberry Finn* and more. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Apr. 24, Thurs. at 7pm. Interested readers are invited to join in a discussion of *Othello* by Shakespeare. This is a selection from the First Series of Great Books. A one time fee of $25.00 covers the cost of the set of books. Pre-register.

PLANES, TRAINS & AUTOMOBILES- TRAVEL RESOURCES @ your library

Apr. 29, Tues. at 6:30pm. Participants will learn about the wide range of resources available at the library for planning your next vacation, whether it be by land, sea or air. They will also have an opportunity to do some hands-on Web searching courtesy of our portable computer lab. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

TUESDAY CROSS STITCHERS

Apr. 1, Tues. at 6:30pm. Interested cross-stitchers are invited to an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Participants can get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitching magazines and books. Pre-register.

TRAVEL PLANNING WITH LIBRARY RESOURCES AND THE WEB

Apr. 14, Mon. at 6pm. Participants who are familiar with a computer and how to navigate web pages will learn how to use the best library resources and websites to plan trips and vacations without a travel agent. Pre-register.

THE BIG PICTURE: HARVEY

Apr. 16, Wed. at 6pm. This month's movie on the big screen is *Harvey*, starring Jimmy Stewart. This is a beloved story of a man who is happy and loved by everyone he knows even though some people think he is crazy just because his best friend is an invisible six foot white rabbit. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY

Apr. 23, Wed. at 7pm. Interested travelers will explore the diversity of Bolivia's landscape, culture, and climate, via large screen TV. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Apr. 24, Thurs. at 10:15am. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Galileo's Daughter* by Dave Sobel. Sobel created this intimate biography of Galileo from 124 letters written to him by his daughter. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

MONDAY NIGHT CRAFT NIGHT

Apr. 7, Mon. at 6pm. A wide range of projects are planned, from candle-making to tole painting for crafters, age 10 to 100, no skill required. For specific information about this month's project, call the library. Some projects are messy so please dress appropriately. Pre-register.

2003 Library Administration@ your library

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The Library's Mission: The purpose of the **Lake County Public Library** is to provide the highest quality informational, educational, cultural and recreational resources and services to residents of all ages in the Lake County Public Library district.

National Volunteer Week...continued from front page

volunteers represent all backgrounds and beliefs and range in age from 5-95, but share the common goal of working to make a difference."

President George Bush said it best last year in his National Volunteer Week Proclamation:

> "Citizen service has always been a cornerstone of our democracy. Since our founding, Americans have stepped forward to serve the needs of others, and strengthen our communities. The spirit exemplified by America's volunteers will help create a culture of responsibility and caring that will inspire us to achieve greatness as a Nation. During National Volunteer Week, I encourage all Americans to learn more about how they can serve, to volunteer to help those in need and to encourage the volunteers across the country who are answering the call to service."

We at the Lake County Public Library highly appreciate the efforts of our volunteers and value their dedication.

NOTICE

New temporary public service hours

Black Oak and Forty-First Ave. Branches

BLACK OAK
5921 W. 25th Ave.
Gary, IN 46406
219-844-8809

Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wednesday	CLOSED
Thursday	10a.m.- 6 p.m.
Friday	CLOSED
Saturday	9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

41st. AVENUE
3491 W. 41st Ave.
Gary, IN 46408
219-980-5180

Monday	12:30-8:30 p.m.
Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	12:30-8:30 p.m.
Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday	CLOSED

Elliott Elementary School History Evening Munster, IN

The school will close its doors on May 2nd. In celebration of its first five decades, the staff invites current and past students, teachers, and PTO members to its History Evening on May 2nd from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. A variety of memorabilia will be on display, and attendees will be able to write inscriptions on the wall and connect with old friends. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Mrs. Webb or Mrs. Hamblin at 838-5250.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave.
769-3541

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www.lakeco.lib.in.us

TODDLER TIME

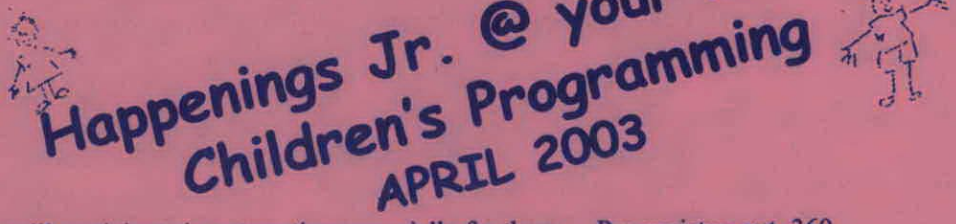
Mar. 31 thru Apr. 22, Mon. or Tues. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, ages 24 months to 36 months, along with their caregivers, will hear stories and participate in activities especially for them. Pre-register, ext. 360.

RED CROSS BABYSITTER TRAINING

Mar. 31, Apr. 1 and 2, Mon., Tues., and Wed. at 1pm to 4pm. Prospective babysitters, ages 11 and older, will learn everything needed for proper care of children. Fee of $20 is due at the time of registration. Visit the library to pre-register or call for more information, ext. 360.

WEE ONES

Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, Wed. at 10am. Infants, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers,



will participate in a story time especially for them. Pre-register, ext. 360.

ROCK ON

Apr. 10, Thurs. at 4pm. Children, in grades K and higher, will create their own pet rock, hear stories, play games about rocks and then watch the movie, *The Magic School Bus Inside the Earth*. Pre-register, ext. 360.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK BEDTIME STORY TIME

Apr. 14, Mon. at 7pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, may wear their pajamas to hear stories, make a craft, watch a movie and join in other fun activities. Pre-register, ext. 360.

JUNIOR MASTER GARDENERS

Apr. 17, Thurs. at 4pm. Maryann Kukla, 4-H leader, will present this gardening program for children in grades 3 through 5. Pre-register, ext. 360.

WELCOME WILDLIFE!

Apr. 24, Thurs. at 4pm. Children, in grades K and higher, will celebrate Earth Day by learning about ways to bring spring wildlife into their own backyards. Children will hear stories, make feeders and plant sunflowers. Pre-register, ext. 360.

Black Oak Branch

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

844-8809

RAIN, RAIN, GO AWAY

Apr. 10, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Children, in grades K through 5, will get carried away by making a kite. Pre-register.

EASTER BUNNY TALES

Apr. 15, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories about

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Easter, watch a movie and make an egg craft. Pre-register.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Apr. 23, Weds. at 10:30am. Families will enjoy watching a film together. For t specific movie title or to pre-register, call the library.

TIME OUT

Apr. 24, Thurs. at 6pm. Young adults, in grades 5 and higher, will make their very own sand and water clock. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *374-7121*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

WEE ONES

Apr. 1, 8, 15, Tues. at 10:30am. Infants, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, songs and toys, with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

EGGS GALORE

Apr. 10, Thurs. at 4pm. Children, in grades K through 6, will hunt Easter eggs, but will have to answer story book questions in order to keep what they find. Pre-register.

TRIBUTE TO ERIC CARLE

Apr. 22, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories by Eric Carle, then make a "very hungry caterpillar" to take home. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary *980-5180*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

BUNNY STORY TIME

Apr. 7, Mon. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate spring by making a bunny craft and listening to stories. Pre-register.

FUNNY BUNNY HANGER

Apr. 9, Weds. at 4pm. Children, in grades K and higher, will hear a spring story then make a wall hanger decoration for their room. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *838-2825*
www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm

PEACOCK CRAFT

Apr. 3, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children, in grades K and higher, will make a peacock t stand on their desk. Pre-register.

SUPERTOTS STORY HOUR

Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, 18 months to 35 months, along

with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, finger plays and music with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

LITTLE HOUSE PIONEERS

Apr. 9, Weds. at 3:30pm. Children, ages 7 and older, will hear more of *Noah Blake's Diary* then learn about fabric weaving to make a wall hanging for their room. Pre-register.

EASTER STORY TIME

Apr. 15, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear Easter stories, watch a movie then make a craft. Pre-register.

BABY BUNNY

Apr. 17, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children, in grades K and higher, will make a bunny craft for Easter then enjoy a cool treat. Pre-register.

BOOK TALKING

Apr. 30, Wed. at 4pm. Young adults, ages 10 to 14, are invited to the discussion of *The Reptile Room* by Lemony Snicket. They will also create a snake project out of metal bottle caps for the library. Participants are not required to bring bottle caps to participate in this project however; if you have any, please bring them. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *838-2394*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Apr. 2, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, age 3 to 5, will enjoy garden stories, songs and then make a paper cup garden. Pre-register beginning March 17.

IN THE GARDEN

Apr. 9, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children, in grades K and higher, will celebrate National Library Week with a story, a special pop bottle green house which will then be planted. Please bring an empty 2-liter bottle with lid. Pre-register beginning March 24.

WHISTLE STOP CAFÉ

Apr. 10, Thurs. at 6:30pm. Young adults, in grades 5 and higher, will discuss and compare Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew books in a coffeehouse atmosphere. Prizes will be awarded from slips collected during the Whistle Stop season. Bring a friend for an extra chance to win a prize. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register beginning March 24.

TODDLER BUNNY BUDDIES

Apr. 14, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with caregivers, will enjoy bunny stories and songs, then make a simple bunny craft. Pre-register beginning March 31.

BUNNY HOP

Apr. 16, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy bunny stories, activities, then make a bunny craft. Pre-register beginning March 31.

TODDLERS, HERE COMES SPOT!

Apr. 28, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy *Spot* books and other activities, including a simple craft. Pre-register beginning April 14.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

WEE ONES

Apr. 2 through 23, Weds. at 10:30am. Infants, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy this four week series of stories, songs and playtime, with a different theme each week. Pre-register beginning March 17.

BOOK BINGO

During National Library Week, April 6 thru April 12, families are encouraged to read together, pick up Bingo cards at the information desk to be filled out and returned for a prize to be awarded.

TODDLER TIME

Apr. 7, Mon. at 6:30pm or Apr. 8, Tues. at 11am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will celebrate National Library Week with stories, songs and a "make and take" word book. Pre-register beginning March 24.

APRIL SHOWERS

Apr. 15, Tues. at 1:30pm or Apr. 16, Wed. at 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories about spring, sing songs, play games and then make a craft. Pre-register beginning March 31.

SPRING THINGS

Apr. 16, Wed. at 2pm. Children, in grades K through 5, will make a spring decoration from recycled material in observance of Earth Day. Pre-register beginning March 31.

TODDLER TIME

Apr. 21, Mon. at 6:30pm or Apr. 22, Tues. at 11am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy Earth Day stories and activities. Pre-register beginning April 7.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave. *365-5379*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

MONDAY NIGHT CRAFT NIGHT

Apr. 7, Mon. at 6pm. Interested crafters, skilled or unskilled, ages 10 to 100, will make a mini Easter egg tree. Pre-register.

APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

Apr. 22, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this spring storyhour with an edible craft. Pre-register.

ART IN APRIL

Apr. 29, Tues. at 4pm. Children, in grades K and higher, will participate in a project involving paint. Please dress appropriately. Pre-register.

BLACK OAK 5921 W. 25th Ave. Gary, IN 46406
219-944-3009

Monday	CLOSED	Tuesday	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wednesday	CLOSED	Thursday	10a.m.- 6 p.m.
Friday	CLOSED	Saturday	9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

41st. AVENUE 3401 W. 41st Ave. Gary, IN 46408
219-980-5100

Monday	12:30-8:30 p.m	Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday	12:30-8:30 p.m.	Thursday	CLOSED
Friday	10 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Saturday	CLOSED

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *942-2243*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

COLORIFIC EGGS

Apr. 8, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy a story hour about Easter Eggs then make a special Easter craft. Pre-register beginning March 19.

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

Apr. 12, Sat. at 10am. The Hobart Garden Club will teach members of the Jr. Garden Club about the importance of trees and then assist them with a craft. Pre-register beginning March 22.

TODDLER FUN FRIDAY

Apr. 18, Fri. or Apr. 25, Fri. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 20 months to 36 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy Easter stories, songs and a craft. Pre-register beginning March 14.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *962-2409*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

JOY OF READING

Apr. 3, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children, in grades K through 8, will practice their reading skills when older children read to younger children and visa versa. Pre-register.

TODDLER STORY TIME

Apr. 8, Tues. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 24 months to 36 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, songs and finger plays. Pre-register.

CREATIVE WRITING FOR GRADES 7 AND 8

Apr. 8, Tues. at 3:30pm. Teens in 7th and 8th grades will participate in writing exercises and stories. Pre-register.

CREATIVE WRITING FOR GRADES 9 THRU 12

Apr. 15, Tues. at 4:30pm. Teens in grades 9 through 12 will participate in writing exercises and stories. They may also bring stories and poems to share with others. Pre-register.

THE TOOTH FAIRY

Apr. 15, Tues. at 10:30am or Apr. 16, Wed. at 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will hear Tooth Fairy stories, enjoy finger plays and songs, then make a Tooth Fairy craft. Pre-register.

MOVIE TIME

Apr. 17, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children, ages 3 to 11, are invited to watch a series of short children's films. Pre-register.

PHOTOGRAPHER NORMAN TURNER

Apr. 22, Tues. at 4pm. Teens, in grade 9 through 12, are invited to hear local photographer Norman Turner speak about his photography. Pre-register.

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PAPER DOLLS

Apr. 24, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children, in grades K through 4, will create their own paper dolls with various outfits and accessories. They can bring in a photo of themselves if they want to create a doll that looks like them. Fabric and other materials will be provided but children may bring their own materials if they want. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *962-2421*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

FLOWER POWER

Apr. 2, Wed. at 4pm. Children, in grades K through 3, will make scented flowers and a garden scene then play games. Pre-register.

SWEET BUTTERFLIES

Apr. 16, Wed. at 4pm. Children, ages 10 to 14, will make edible butterflies and play comic mix up. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *836-8450*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

FANTASTIC 4'S AND 5'S

Apr. 1, 8, 15, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy stories, music, a video and a craft, with a different theme each week. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

DRINKING STRAW FUN

Apr. 2, Wed. at 4pm. Children, in grades K and higher, will enjoy stories, games, crafts and other fun with drinking straws. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

TERRIFIC 2'S AND 3'S

Apr. 7, 14, Mon. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with a caregiver, will enjoy stories, music, craft and other activities with a different theme each week. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

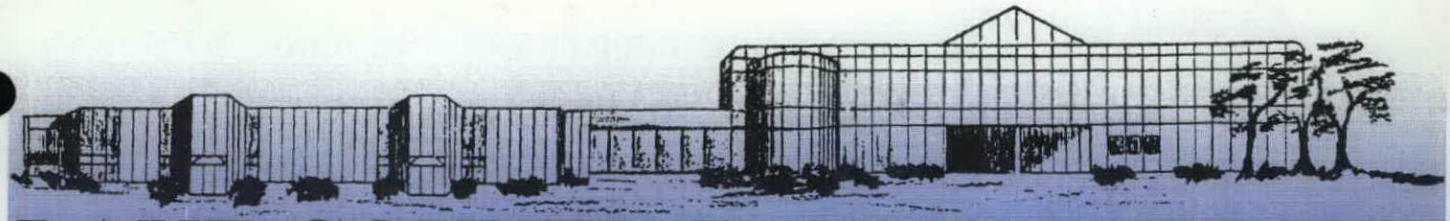
WEE ONES

Apr. 9, 23, Wed. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with a caregiver, will enjoy stories, music, finger plays, nursery rhymes and toys. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS ANCIENT EGYPTIAN FORUM

Apr. 16, Wed. at 4pm. Children, in grades 4 and higher, will have the opportunity to sign up for volunteer work in May. The refreshments and activities will be based on an Ancient Egyptian Forum. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

New temporary hours for the **Black Oak** and **41st Avenue Branches** of the Lake County Public Library became effective on March 10, 2003



LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAY 2003 HAPPENINGS @ your library

www.lakeco.lib.in.us

CHILDREN BECOME WILD ABOUT READING

As school assignments are winding down, children's librarians at all branches are preparing for summer and are planning to visit as many elementary schools as possible to promote children's reading over the vacation months.

JUNE 9
through
AUGUST 2

The Summer Reading Program theme is "Wild About Reading" which is a tie-in with the reading lions, Leo and Leona, from PBS's Between the Lions. Lions and other wild creatures will be featured throughout the libraries of the Lake County Public Library system.



Lake County Public Library
Children's Summer Reading Programs

Every branch will have several programs per week from June 9th to August 2nd. Children will be able to participate in storyhours, craft sessions and film programs. Outside presenters will visit from the SouthShore Railcats Baseball team and the Lake County Solid Waste Management's Enviromobile. Some professional entertainers will be appearing courtesy of funds from the Friends of the Lake County Public Library.

The "reading" portion of the Summer Reading Program is a non-competitive game where any child can read books (or have parents read to preschoolers). Young readers receive small prizes for every 5 books they complete. This activity is available during all the hours the library is open so that those families who cannot attend the scheduled programs, can still read for prizes.

If schools have recommended summer reading lists for their students and can give their closest branch the lists in advance, every effort will be made to have these books available for students during summer vacation.

Call the nearest branch for the schedule of children's programs and watch "Happenings" for June and July. Preregistering for programs is always recommended so that sufficient materials are ready for children who attend each program.

Starting Monday, June 9, help children get "Wild About Reading!"

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Over 1,200 students from 43 schools participated in this year's Read - A - Thon raising $53,260.58. The student raising the most money this year is Stephanie Moreno, a 1st grade student at Southridge Elementary in Highland. Stephanie raised $302.40. In second place is Teneia Martin, a 2nd grade student at John Wood Elementary in Merrillville who raised $301.00. **Congratulations to both students on a job well done!**

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

May 8, Thurs. at 6pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *My Antonia* by Willa Cather. This is Cather's classic tale of the friendship between Antonia Shimerda, daughter of Bohemian immigrants trying to eke out an existence on the prairies of 1880's Nebraska, and the orphan Jim Burden, who comes to live with his grandparents there. The experience of two sets of recent immigrants is vividly contrasted: those who arrive from more settled parts of this country with those who came directly from Europe. Pre-register, ext. 340.

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

May 9, Fri. at 10am. This month's club meeting will feature the Hoosier Grandpas Barbershop Harmony for a Mother's Day treat. Blood pressure screening will be available from 9:30am to 11:30am. Co-sponsored by Centier Bank. For more information call the library at ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

May 7, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This computer class will teach participants how to hold, move and click a computer mouse. Attendance is limited. Pre-register, ext. 346.

GREAT DECISIONS DISCUSSIONS

May 13, 27, Tues. at 6:30pm. The Great Decisions Discussions, designed by the Foreign Policy Association, replaces the NIF discussions previously held at the library. Each topic will be introduced by a video presentation. This months topic is "U.S. and Nigeria: Thinking Beyond Oil. Pre-register, ext. 315.

READER'S ADVISORY @ your library



LIFE UPON THE WICKED STAGE:

FICTION IN A THEATRICAL SETTING

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

May 14, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This computer class is the next step for the beginner using a computer. Attendance is limited. Pre-register, ext. 346.

HOW TO START A BUSINESS

May 20, Tues. at 1pm to 5pm. Small Business Development Center will offer this workshop for interested participants. Fees are $25 in advance; $30 at the door. Pre-register by calling the SBDC at 219-762-1696.

GARDENING SERIES - CONTAINER GARDENING: FLOWERS, VEGETABLES, GRASSES

May 20, Tues. at 7pm. This month's gardening topic will be presented by Ana and Wayne Barnes, Master Gardeners. Co-sponsored with Purdue University Cooperative Extensive Service, featuring the Speakers Bureau of the Lake Co. Master Gardeners Program. Master Gardeners can achieve advance training hours by attending any of these program. Pre-register, ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

May 21, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Interested computer users will learn how to explore the library's homepage and the Internet. Attendance is limited. Pre-register, ext. 346.

MYSTERY LOVES COMPANY BOOK DISCUSSION - *DEEP SOUTH*

May 27, Tues. at noon. Interested readers are invited to join in Nevada Barr's *Deep South*. Anna's promotion to district ranger takes her to Natchez Trace Parkway in Mississippi where she faces new environments. Along with facing the challenge of being the first woman park ranger in the district, she must work to unravel the motives and suspects in murders, and finds there is much more to it as things begin to unfold. Pre-register, ext. 336.

COMPUTER CLASS: SUPER SEARCHES

May 28, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Experienced computer users will explore advanced searching on the Internet. Attendance is limited. Pre-register, ext. 346.

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. Gary, IN 46406
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: A patron had pictures of his deceased cousin who was in the Navy in WWII. Based on the picture of him in uniform, he wanted to determine what rank he was.

A: The Navy's website, www.navy.mil, links to a Fact File and from that link you can find information on people, ships, submarines and weapons. The people link explained the ranking devices that the Navy uses, giving illustrations of the insignia.

Black Oak Branch ...continued

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings **@your library.**

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

PAINT WITH ACRYLICS

May 3, Sat. at 9:30am to 2pm. Interested crafters will try something new with this topiary and truffle craft which will challenge you. Fee of $10 is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

PAINT WITH ACRYLICS

May 10, Sat. at 9:30am to 12:30pm. Interested crafters will develop their painting from beginning to end when they work on drawing, theory, brushwork and more. Fee of $8 is due at the program. Participants should bring their own art supplies. Pre-register.

KNITTING CLASS

May 19, Mon. at 7:30pm. Participants who would like to learn how to knit or just refine their skill just need to bring their yarn and needles to this program. Pre-register.

BOOKS AND CHAT

May 20, Tues. at 2pm or May 21, Wed. at 6:30pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Bendigo Shafter* by Louis L'Amour. Shafter lets his love and courage guide him as he leads seven men, thirteen women and children across the west. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

May 27, Tues. at 2pm. Interested travelers will journey from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's capital, through famous trading ports and deep into the Borneo jungle. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

May 12, Mon. at 12:30pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Kaleidoscope*: A Countess Karitska Novel by Dorothy Gilman. Best known for her Mrs. Pollifax novels, Dorothy Gilman takes on a different journey as we watch an honest-to-goodness clairvoyant deal with mystery and murder in consultation with slightly skeptical Homicide Detective Pruden. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

May 19, Mon. at 6pm. Interested readers are invited to join in the discussion of *Life Skills* by Katie Fforde. Julie Fairfax decides to go against her usual stable, reliable self and ends her engagement, quits her job, and takes a job as a cook working on a pair of hotel boats that will sail the canals of England. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 5, Mon. from 10am to 11:30am. Unity Hospice will

provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

BEGINNING CROCHET

May 13, Tues. and May 14, Wed. at 6:30 p.m. Beginning crochet learners will make a purse using single and double crochet stitches. Participants should bring a size "H" hook and a 3 ounce of 4-ply yarn. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

May 21, Wed. at 7pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Student of Weather* by Elizabeth Hay. The story of a rivalry between two contrasting sisters and of the stranger who changes all their lives forever. The characters, although eccentric, are very familiar. Come join us as we explore this fascinating story. Pre-register.

the Staff Recommends@ your library

Lying Awake by Mark Salzman

"A nun experiences intense religious visions which animate her cloistered life. Then she is diagnosed with an operable brain tumor, which is causing epileptic seizures that are the source of her visions. Will the removal of the tumor destroy her satisfaction with the religious life?"

The Ginger Tree by Oswald Wynd

"One of my personal favorites about a Scottish woman whose affair leads to her relocation prior to World War II. She loves a Japanese count and has a child by him. She is introduced to a culture far different than her own Scottish heritage. She learns to respect Japan and their customs and looks for her lost child."

Hens Dancing by Raffaella Barker

"Venetia Summers, cast off by her husband in favor of a short masseuse (Helena the poison dwarf), raises her three children in the country, surrounded by animals and eccentric family and friends. Very funny in a `Bridget Jones' sort of way, but heart-warming too."

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

LOCAL AUTHOR VISITS LIBRARY

May 3, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm. William Tarkington of Highland will sell and sign copies of his book *M.A.C.O.N.D. 2*. Cost of the book is $20. Tarkington's novel is of Protagonist, Vince Di Carlo, a N.Y. Times Reporter who cracks the story hoping to expose the U.S. Government for elicit spending of tax money. For more information call the library.

VIDEO HISTORY SERIES - THE GLITTERING CROWNS

May 5, Mon. at 1:30pm or 7pm. This month will feature the European royalty, with never-before-seen photographs and film footage beginning in the 1850s to the present day. The video concludes with the wedding of Charles and Diana. Pre-register.

SAND RIDGE BANK MORNING CLUB

May 8, Thurs. at 10:30am. This month's club meeting will feature Ranger Julie Weller, who will present a slide show of early photos of Mather as he explores the earliest of the country's national parks, including his work at the Indiana Dunes in 1916. Co-sponsored by Sand Ridge Bank. Pre-register by calling the bank at 972-7317.

AARP MATURE DRIVING COURSE

May 8, Thurs. and May 9, Fri. at 12:30pm to 4pm. Hal Schaller, an AARP representative, will present this 2 day driver training program designed to help older adults improve their driving skills. Some insurance companies offer discounts to participants. Both sessions must be attended in order to receive a certificate. Fee of $10 is payable at the class. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

May 13, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of Jane Austen's classic novel, *Pride and Prejudice*. Austen recounts the attempts of Mrs. Bennet to marry off her 5 daughters and particularly the courtship of the witty, independent, Elizabeth Bennet with Mr. Darcy. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR JUNE BOOK DISCUSSION

The June discussion title, *Back When We Were Grownups* by Anne Tyler, may be picked up after May 13, 2003. The discussion will be held June 10, 2003 at 2pm or 7pm.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 14, Wed. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

SCOLIOSIS SCREENING

May 14, Wed. at 1pm. Dr. Mary Jane Doyle, Highland Chiropractor, will discuss scoliosis and offer posture checks for program attendees. Pre-register

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS - ROME AND NAPLES

May 19, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Interested travelers will explore, via large screen TV, the ancient city of Pomepii and the devastation of Mt. Vesuvius. Travel onto the isle of Capri and take in the spectacular view along the Amalfi coast then continue on to ancient Rome and then see modern Roman life on the streets.

DO YOU SURF? @ your library

Tulip Time Fesitval - www.tuliptime.org One of the largest flower festivals in the United States, the Tulip Time Festival is held in Holland, Michigan every year to celebrate the tulip blooms and to preserve the Dutch cultural heritage in the city of Holland. The festival runs May 3-10, 2003.

Kentucky Derby - www.kentuckyderby.com The premier thoroughbred horse race takes place on May 3. This site has a wealth of information, including photos and profiles of current contenders, charts and statistics from past races, and other data.

Cannes Film Festival - www.festival-cannes.org The 56th annual Cannes Film Festival runs form May 14-25. Here one will find information on films, awards and juries. Also an archive is available to find winners from the past 55 years.

Ralph Waldo Emerson -www.rwe.org A great resource on the renowned American philosopher and thinker of the 19th century. Includes a biography, along with a collection of essays, poems and lectures. Also contains a timeline, quotations and photographs.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

May 22, Thurs. at 7pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Mallory's Oracle* by Carol O'Connell. Louis Markowitz, the head of the NYPD Special Crime Section is found dead after a series of murders of wealthy, elderly women. His adopted daughter, a policewoman, becomes obsessed with finding the killer. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR JUNE MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

The June discussion title, *You Only Die Twice* by Edna Buchanan, may be picked up after May 22, 2003. The discussion will be held June 26, 2003 at 7pm.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

May 27, Tues. at 2pm or 6pm. On the screen this month is *The Man Who Knew Too Much*, starring James Stewart and Doris Day. A doctor's family vacationing in Marrakech gets involved in a web of spying and intrigue. For the specific movie title or to pre-register, call the library.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch
100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ON THE ROAD AGAIN...MARTINIQUE, ST. KITTS AND ANTIGUA

May 7, Wed. at 7pm. Interested travelers will journey to the wonderful islands of Martinique, St. Kitts and Antigua, via large screen TV. Travelers will hike through the ruins of St. Pierre, visit a butterfly farm, the fortress atop Brimstone Hill and finally through Nelson's Dockyard in Antigua. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 15, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

SCRABBLE CLUB

May 17, Sat. at 2pm. Adults are invited to challenge their Scrabble techniques and vocabulary with others at this newly formed club. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

SATURDAY CINEMATHERAPY

May 24, Saturday at 2pm. On the screen this month is a 1953 Academy Award Winner for Best Picture, *From Here to Eternity*, starring Burt Lancaster, Deborah Kerr and Donna Reed. In an adaptation of James Jones' novel, this movie is about army life in Hawaii just before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. For the specific movie title or to pre-register call the library.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

MOVIE MANIA

May 12, Mon. at 3:30pm. On the big screen this month is *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry,* starring Claudia McNeil, Janet MacLachlan and Morgan Freeman. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 9, Fri. from 12:30pm to 2pm. A retired nurse will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

EVENING TRAVEL

May 5, Mon. at 6pm. Interested travelers will visit New York, via large screen TV. Pre-register.

PLANNING YOUR YARDS AND GARDENS

May 19, Mon. at 7pm. Master Gardener, Jim Pavelka, landscape design consultant will present a program on designing yards and gardens. Pre-register.

AFTERNOON BOOK CHAT

May 20, Tues. at 2pm. Interested readers are invited to join in the discussion of *The Witness* by Sandra Brown. Brown's novel is about a mother trying to save herself and her infant after she has witnessed an insidious crime committed by her husband's powerful southern family. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR JUNE BOOK CHAT

The June title for discussion, *The Ginger Tree*, by Oswald Wynd Brown, may be picked up after May 20. The book discussion will be held on June 17, 2003.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES

April 26, May 3, 10, 17 at 10am to 11:30am. This is an orientation class for those taking the test to become a United States citizen. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

May 8, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Interested readers are invited to join in the discussion of *Unafraid of the Dark: A Memoir* by Rosemary Bray. Bray uses her personal history to persuasively defend America's much-maligned welfare system. Aid to Families with Dependent Children helped Rosemary's selfless mother make ends meet and keep Rosemary in school. Her account is both inspiring and despairing. Pre-register.

HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY

May 13, Tues. at 6:30pm. John J. Griffin, R.Ph. from the Medicine Shoppe in Munster, will compare synthetic and natural hormone replacement therapies. He will also discuss how to work with health care professionals to determine your hormone levels and specific needs. Pre-register.

EXPLORE ARGENTINA

May 15, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm. Interested travelers will explore Argentina and see how the elegant French architec-

ture characterizes Buenos Aires as the "Paris of the Pampas." It is a city steeped in history, woven into a bustling Latin culture. Travelers will also tour Ushuaja and the Falkland Islands. Pre-register.

ON THE BIG SCREEN

May 20, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm. On the screen this month is Frank Capra's 1934 Academy Award Winner comedy classic *It Happened One Night* starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert. An antagonistic couple is determined to teach each other about life. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

May 22, Thurs. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

May 29, Thurs. at 7pm. Interested readers are invited to join in a discussion of *The Power of the Majority* by Tocqueville and *Individual Freedom* by Simmel. These are selections from the *First Series of Great Books*. A one time fee of $25.00 covers the cost of the set of books. Pre-register.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch
1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

TUESDAY CROSS STITCHERS

May 6, Tues. at 6:30pm. Interested cross-stitchers are invited for an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Participants can get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitching magazines and newspapers. Pre-register.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY - TEXAS

May 21, Wed. at 7pm. Interested travelers will discover the many faces of Texas by visiting Austin via large-screen video with side trips to Dallas and Houston. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

May 22, Thurs. at 10:15am. Interested readers are invited to join in the discussion of *The Sweet Hereafter* by Russell Banks. When a tragic accident occurs in a small town, it affects everyone differently. Banks tells the story from four different points of view. Pre-register.

St. John Branch
9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

MONDAY NIGHT CRAFT NIGHT

May 5, Mon. at 6pm. Interested crafters, skilled or unskilled, ages 11 to 100, will make a photo album. Pre-register.

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MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

All branches of the

Lake County Public Library

will be closed

Monday,

May 26, 2003.

Elliott Elementary School

History Evening

Munster, IN

The school will close its doors on May 2nd. In celebration of its first five decades, the staff invites current and past students, teachers, and PTO members to its History Evening on May 2nd from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. A variety of memorabilia will be on display, and attendees will be able to write inscriptions on the wall and connect with old friends. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Mrs. Webb or Mrs. Hamblin at 838-5250.

TODDLER TIME

May 13, Tues. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2, along with a caregiver, will hear stories and participate in creative movement. Pre-register.

SUMMER READING VOLUNTEER MEETING

May 29, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Young adults, ages 11 to 17, who are interested in volunteering during the summer must attend this program to learn about volunteer duties and to sign up for specific program dates. For more information or to pre-register, call the library.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary *980-5180*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

BOWL TURTLES

May 14, Wed. at 4pm. School-age children, in grades K and up, will hear about turtle rescue efforts and make a turtle to take home. Pre-register.

AWESOME OCTOPUS

May 19, Mon. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear deep sea tales and make an eight-armed friend to take home. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *838-2825*
www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm

TISKET A TASKET, LET'S MAKE A BASKET

May 1, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children, in grades K and up, will make a basket from a paper plate and ribbon. Pre-register.

LITTLE HOUSE PIONEERS

May 15, Thurs. at 3:30pm. School-age children, ages 7 and older, will use leather tools to make a bookmark or bracelet. Pre-register.

HATS OFF TO SUMMER

May 28, Wed. at 3:30pm. School-age children, in grades K and up, will get ready for the sun when they paint a sun visor. Pre-register.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave.
Merrillville, IN 46410

Please Note: Central location of the Lake County Public Library has no scheduled programs for the month of May.



Happenings Jr. @ your library
Children's Programming
MAY 2003



Black Oak Branch

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary *844-8809*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

MOTHER'S DAY SURPRISE

May 6, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories about moms, watch a movie and make a special Mother's Day gift to give to their mom. Pre-register.

A TISKET, A TASKET ...

May 6, Tues. at 4:30pm. School-age children, in grades K through 5, will make a special Mother's Day basket to fill with love and flowers to give to mothers on their special day. Pre-register.

PEACOCK-A-DOODLE-DOO!

May 22, Thurs. at 4:30pm. Young adults, in grades 5 and higher, will make a free standing peacock for their desk. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *374-7121*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

MOMMY AND ME TEA

May 6, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, and their mothers will celebrate Mother's Day with stories then have tea, juice and cookies. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *838-2394*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT

May 6, Tues. at 3:30pm. School-age children, in grades K and higher, will make a lovely Mother's Day craft to give to their mother's. A fee of $.50 is due at the program to cover the cost of materials. Pre-register.

MOTHER'S DAY FOR PRESCHOOLERS

May 7, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will listen to stories about mothers, sing songs and make a simple craft for Mother's Day. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME

May 12, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear stories about moms and dads, sing songs and make a simple craft. Pre-register.

INTERNET TREASURE HUNT

May 12, Mon. at 4pm. School-age children, in grades 4 and higher, will learn about computer safety, search tricks and then participate in a treasure hunt on the Internet. Children must have their own card and be in good standing and have the computer use approved on their card. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *942-2243*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

BASKET WEAVING

May 3, Sat. at 10am. School-age children, in grades K and higher, will make a candle holder for their mom by weaving a simple basket. Fee of $2 must be paid by April 30. Participants must bring a towel and a bucket. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOLER'S MOTHER'S DAY

May 6, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will honor mom

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS PARTY: WILD ABOUT READING

May 28, Wed. at 4pm. School-age children, in grades 4 and higher, will have an opportunity to sign up for volunteering in June. The refreshments and activities will be based around the Summer Reading theme, "Wild About Reading". Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

May 6, Tues. at 1:30pm or May 7, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy listening to Mother Goose nursery favorites, sing songs and make a Mother's Day craft. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME

May 12, Mon. at 6:30pm or May 13, Tues. at 11am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear stories including The Very Hungry Caterpillar, hear songs and make a craft. Pre-register.

POLICE! POLICE!

May 13, Tues. at 6:30pm. School-age children, in grades K and higher, will get to meet a police officer to learn about their training, what their day is like and how they keep us safe. Children are also encouraged to bring in a letter or card to say thank you to the officers in honor of Police Week. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave. *365-5379*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

B IS FOR BALLOONS, BUTTERFLIES AND BUMBLEBEES

May 13, Tues. at 10:30 a.m. Children, ages 3 and older, will enjoy a program featuring things that start with the letter "B" then make a butterfly craft. Pre-register.

with stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register.

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

May 10, Sat. at 2pm. Members of the Hobart Garden Club will assist the junior gardeners with a special Mother's Day gift made with live plants. Pre-register.

TODDLER FUN WITH MOMMY

May 16, Fri. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 24 month to 36 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *962-2409*

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

THE JOY OF READING

May 1, Thurs. at 3:30pm. School-age children, in grades K through 8, will practice their reading skills when older children read to younger children and visa versa. Pre-register.

IT'S SPRINGTIME!

May 8, Thurs. at 3:30pm. School-age children, in grades K thru 4, will hear spring stories and make tissue paper flowers. Pre-register.

A MAY DAY CELEBRATION

May 13, Tues. at 10:30am or May 14, Wed. at 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy spring stories, finger plays, songs and a film, then make a craft. Pre-register.

CREATIVE WRITING FOR GRADES 4 THRU 6

May 13, Tues. at 3:30pm. School-age children, in grades 4 thru 6, will participate in writing exercises and short stories. They may bring stories or poems they have written to share with the group. Pre-register.

TODDLER STORY TIME

May 20, Tues. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 24 months to 36 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, songs and finger plays. Pre-register.

CREATIVE WRITING FOR GRADES 9 THRU 12

May 20, Tues. at 4:30pm. Young adults, in grades 9 thru 12, will

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participate in writing exercises and short stories. They may bring other stories and poems they have written to share with others. Pre-register.

THOUGHTS ABOUT SELENA

May 22, Thurs. at 3:30pm. School-age children, in grades 4 thru 8, will discuss their thoughts and feelings about Selena, the famous Hispanic singer. Participants may read books about her ahead of time or just share their feelings. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *962-2421*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

May 14, Wed. at 4pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will play ball games and make a baseball craft. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *836-8450*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

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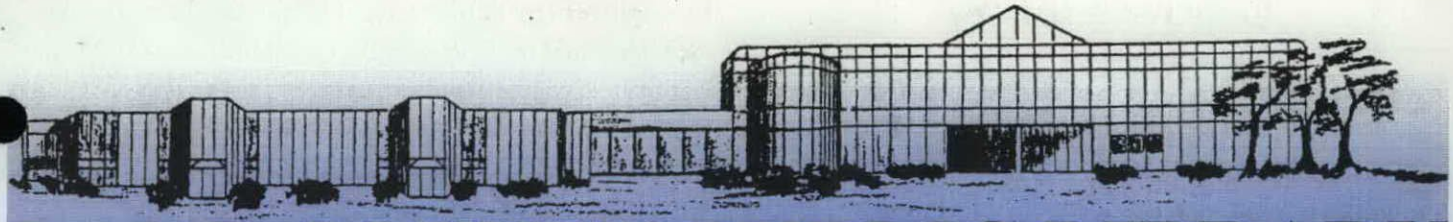
May 7, Wed. at 4pm. School-age children, in grades K and up, will learn about ice cream facts, hear stories and enjoy a big bowl of ice cream. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

WEE ONES

May 7 or 21, Wed. at 10:30am. Infants, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with a caregiver, will enjoy stories, music, finger plays, nursery rhymes and toys, with a different theme each week. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

MOTHER'S TEA

May 12, Mon. at 10:30am or May 13, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm or May 14, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 2 to 5, and their mothers or grandmothers, will enjoy special teas and cookies. Pre-registration begins April 21. Attendance is limited. Registration ends May 9.



LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

JUNE 2003 HAPPENINGS @ your library

www.lakeco.lib.in.us

PATRONS FLOCK TO THE AV DEPARTMENT

The free AV services available through the central library and its branches are being utilized more than ever by library patrons. From 2001 to 2002, DVD rentals at the central library and its branches increased by 185 percent. During this same time period, rentals in the AV section including books on tapes, compact discs and movie videos increased by 48 percent.

The declining economy contributes to the increase in DVD rentals and also the fact that approximately 40 percent of Americans now own DVD players.

The biggest rental day is Saturday. Patrons enjoy having videos to watch over the weekend and apparently realized that they can keep the DVD or video an extra day because the library is closed on Sunday. The AV staff members are extremely busy checking out materials on Saturday and the atmosphere is similar to that at a video store. The busiest times are Saturday morning and late afternoon before the library closes. The library stocks all the latest best-seller DVD's but generally only one at the central library and its branches. Videos and DVD's **are not** reserved. Patrons are required to check them out on a first-come, first served basis.

There is always an increase in patrons checking out DVD's, videos or CD's after the Grammy or Academy Awards. Any of the Oscar winning movies are expected to be in big demand once they are released. In addition, the soundtracks will be asked for too.

The patrons that frequent the AV department range in age from high school students to senior citizens. Men, who generally don't borrow as many books as women, are big customers in the AV department. They tend to use the video collections including subjects on education, war and social issues.

Catering to all ages, patrons that frequent the AV department range in age from high school students to senior citizens.

The library system has had an AV services section since it opened its doors in 1959 but in the early years had 16 mm films, which were phased out in 2000.

The Lake County Public Library continues to have a strong commitment to AV services.

Some of the newer DVD or video releases are:

Road to Perdition
Maid in Manhattan
Secretary
Treasure Planet
Two Weeks Notice
8 Mile
Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron
Spirited Away
Transporter
Tuck Everlasting
Standing in the Shadows of Motown
Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
The Wild Thornberry's Movie
Drumline
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Highlights @ your library

In an effort to make our monthly Happenings more reader friendly, we have made a few changes inside.

Please check them out.

Our branches are being listed by township groupings, if they fall into a category which has a Branch Manager in charge of multi-branches of the Lake County Public Library.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The discussion group will be taking a break this month, but will meet again on July 10, 2003. The title for discussion will be *Rain of Gold* by Victor Villasenor. Copies of the book will be available. For more information call the library at 769-3541 ext. 340.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

June 2 and 3, Mon. and Tues. at 12:30pm to 4:30pm. Hal Schaller, an AARP representative, will present this 2 day driving program, taught in a classroom style, to help older adults improve their driving skills. Some insurance companies offer discounts to participants. Both sessions must be attended in order to receive a certificate. Attendance is limited. Fee of $10 is due at the program.
Pre-register, ext. 317.

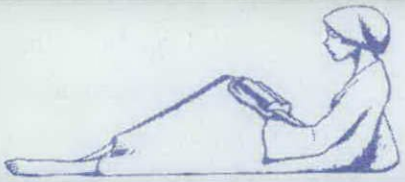
SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

June 13, Fri. at 10am. This month's club meeting will feature "Protecting Old Glory" presented by Highland resident, Joan Hmurovic, also known as "The Flag Lady." Blood pressure screening will be available from 9:30-11:30. Co-sponsored with Centier Bank. For more information call the library at ext. 317.

GARDENING SERIES - COLOR IN LANDSCAPE

June 17, Tues. at 7pm. This month's topic will be presented by Jean Starr, Master Gardener and gardening columnist. Co-sponsored by Purdue Univ. Cooperative Extension Service, featuring the Speakers Bureau of the Lake Co. Master Gardeners Program. Master Gardeners can achieve advance training hours by attending any of these programs. Pre-register, ext. 317.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



THE WORLD OF DIPLOMACY
-IN FICTION AND HISTORY

MYSTERY LOVES COMPANY BOOK DISCUSSION

June 24, Tues. at noon. Interested readers are invited to join the discussion of *Hard Time* by Sara Paretsky. V.I. Warshawski soon becomes the suspect of a woman found lying in the road after she dies. After getting arrested for kidnapping this prisoner, Warshawski begins to investigate and finds how friends, illegal aliens, labor problems, dirty politics and prison life mix together. Pre-register, ext. 336.

READY TO LEARN WORKSHOP

June 24, Tues. at 7pm. Amy Prowse from PBS Station 56 will present a program for parents, caregivers, teachers and childcare workers for children, infants through age 8. She will describe a variety of activities, including some that coordinate with PBS programs, to help children learn and read better. The first 50 participants who register will receive a free book. Activities for children of participants will be provided. Pre-register ext. 360.

Calumet Township

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings **@your library.**

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

June 9, Mon. at 12:30pm. Interested readers are invited to

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: A local instructor was asked by one of his students "What do you call a group of porcupines"? After exhausting his contacts and resources, he called the library.

A: A group of porcupines is called a **Prickle.**

Source: R428.1 LIPT "An Exhaltation of Larks" by James Lipton, p. 271.

Forty-First Branch ...continued

the discussion of *Blood Lure* by Nevada Barr. Anna Pigeon, a Ranger in the National Park Service, is out West on a training assignment to learn about grizzlies that turns deadly one night when a grizzly comes into camp and a teenage boy disappears. Then a woman camper is found dead, supposedly mauled by a bear, except the slashes turn out to be from a knife instead of claws. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

June 30, Mon. at 6pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Sea Glass* by Anita Shreve. Shreve's story is of Honora Beecher, a young newlywed who collects sea glass along the beach, and Francis, a boy who finds a father figure at a time he most needs direction in his life. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 2, Mon. from 10am to 11:30am. Unity Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

PERENNIAL EXCHANGE

June 7, Sat. from 11am to noon. Join other gardeners in a perennial exchange by bringing potted starts of excess plants. Participants are welcome to bring in houseplants too. For more information, call the library.

Griffith Branch ...continued

BOOK DISCUSSION

June 18, Wed. at 7pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *The World Below* by Sue Miller. Miller's tale is an astonishingly rich and emotionally deep tale of two women, one a country doctor's wife with a haunting past, the other a twice-divorced San Francisco schoolteacher casting about at midlife for answers to her future. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

KNITTING CLASS

June 2, Mon. at 7pm. Interested participants will learn how to knit or brush up on their skill, or bring a project to work on while visiting with other knitters. Please bring your own yarn and size 7 or 8 needles. Pre-register.

PAINT WITH ACRYLICS

June 14, Sat. at 9:30am to 12:30pm. Interested crafters will develop their painting from beginning to end when they work on drawing, theory, brushwork and more. Fee of $8 is due at the program. Participants should bring their own art supplies. Pre-register.

BOOKS AND CHAT

June 17, Tues. at 2pm or June 18, Wed. at 6:30pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of Van Whitfield's comedic novel, *Beeperless Remote*. Shawn Wayne is single, employed, hard- bodied, a former All-American, and looking for his ideal woman. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING TOWN

June 24, Tues. at 2pm. Interested travelers will gaze over horizons of timeless natural wonders of Arizona and recall the frontier spirit while exploring an ancient Anasazi cliff dwelling and the copper mining town of Bisbee, via large screen TV. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

VIDEO HISTORY SERIES

June 2, Mon. at 1:30pm or 7pm. Travelers, via large screen TV, will explore Antarctica. The fascinating history of this desolate continent reveals the enormous contrasts of the landscape and wildlife that survives in seemingly uninhabitable temperatures. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

June 10, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Back When We Were Grownups* by Anne Tyler. Tyler's book opens with Rebecca's realization that at 53 she has become the "wrong person." In an attempt to do something about this, she returns to her hometown in Virginia, looks up her old boyfriend and renews some of her intellectual interests. As Rebecca ponders the life that might have been, the reader sees the life that was. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 11, Wed. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB

June 12, Thurs. at 10:30am. This month's club meeting features Bruce Wood, President of Lake County Historical Society, and will relate the colorful past of The Lake County Courthouse. If the walls could talk, they might boast of the buildings original cost, that silent film star Rudolph Valentino received his marriage license there, and what secrets would be revealed of criminals housed in the courthouse. Refreshments will be served. Co-sponsored by Sand Ridge Bank. Pre-register by calling the bank at 972-9317.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

June 16, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Interested travelers will enjoy London and the English country, via large screen TV, with visits to Hampton Court, Oxford, Woodstock, Blenheim, Abingdon, Stonehenge, Winchester and Chatworth. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

June 23, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. Clark Gable and Charles Laughton star in *Mutiny on the Bounty*, a true story of sadistic Captain Bligh, Fletcher Christian and their turbulent journey aboard the HMS Bounty in 1788. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

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MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

June 26, Thurs. at 7pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *You Only Die Twice* by Edna Buchanan. The Corpse of a beautiful woman washes up on a pristine Miami beach. The problem is, the victim, Kaithlin Jordan, was murdered ten years ago and her husband sits on death row awaiting execution. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR JULY MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

The July title for discussion, *Devil in a Blue Dress* by Walter Mosley will be available for pickup after June 26, 2003. The informal discussion will be held July 24 at 7pm.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

June 30, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. Harrison Ford fan's will enjoy *The Witness* on the large screen. A young Amish boy witnesses a murder in the Philadelphia train station. Harrison Ford, the investigating detective discovers the murder is part of a conspiracy involving corruption in his department. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ONE ON ONE COMPUTER ASSISTANCE

During the month of June, appointments for one on one computer help with Microsoft Word, Excel, WebPAC and the basic Internet are available at various times. Please call the library to schedule an appointment.

MEET THE MOUSE

June 2, Mon. at 6pm. This computer class will teach participants how to hold, move and click a mouse, as well as review the essential parts of a computer including common terminology. Attendance is limited. Pre-registration begins May 19.

DO YOU SURF? @ your library

Corvette 50th Anniversary – www.corvette50thanniversary.com

Chevrolet is holding the Corvette 50th Anniversary Celebration to celebrate a half-century with America's favorite sports car and to say thank-you to 50 years of loyal owners and enthusiasts. The celebration takes place June 27 & 28, 2003 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Wimbledon – www.wimbledon.org

This is the official site for Wimbledon – the All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club. It contains the schedule for the matches this year, which start on June 23rd. Also has ticket and travel information, results from past championships, and video clips of classic matches.

Grant Park Music Festival – www.grantparkmusicfestival.com

The Grant Park Music Festival celebrates its last summer of free concerts at the Petrillo Music Shell. Next year the festival will be held in the Music Pavilion, currently under construction. This site gives you the schedule of performances, along with program notes, and artist links.

Cheap Tickets – www.cheaptickets.com

Many websites offer online flight bookings. This one is uncluttered and easy to use. Find and book low air fares and cruises or locate special hotel and car deals. Track real-time flight status in graphical or text version.

PLANES, TRAINS AND AUTOMOBILES

June 3, Tues. at 2pm. Participants will learn how to find travel information on the Internet, including sites for hotels, rental cars, flights and more. Attendance is limited. Pre-registration begins May 19.

NAVIGATING THE NET

June 3, Tues. at 6pm or June 14, Sat. at 11am. Interested participants will learn how to explore the library's home page while learning about web addresses, links, search engines and other aspects of the Internet. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN

June 4, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers will journey to the Pacific Northwest, via large screen TV, to the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho for a breathtaking view of scenery and explore local history. Travelers who are familiar with this area may share personal experiences with others to conclude the program. Pre-register.

MEDICAL RESOURCES @ your library

June 10, Tues. at 6pm. This computer class will teach participants how to find and evaluate information on consumer health, managed care, prevention and wellness. Other book and electronic sources will be discussed as well as learning how to evaluate the information at hand. Attendance is limited. Pre-registration begins May 19.

BASIC WINDOWS

June 12, Thurs. at 6pm. This computer class is the next step for beginners. Participants will learn about the keyboard, the Windows setup, word processing and finding help. Attendance is limited. Pre-registration begins May 27.

AFTERNOON BOOK CHAT

June 17, Tues. at 2pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *The Ginger Tree* by Oswald Wynd. Wynd's novel takes place in 1903, where a 20 year-old Scottish girl sails to the far East to marry a British Military attache in Peking. She horrifies the British community by having an affair with a Japanese soldier. As a result, she is rejected by her husband and family. The story continues with her survival in an alien culture. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR JULY'S BOOK

CHAT

The July title for discussion, *Fig Eater* by Jody Shields, may be picked up after June 17, 2003. The book discussion will be held on July 15 at 3pm.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 19, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

SCRABBLE CLUB

June 21, Sat. at 2pm. Interested adults are invited to challenge their Scrabble techniques and vocabulary during this monthly club meeting. Attendance is limited. Pre-registration begins May 17.

KITCHEN KEY BASKET

June 28, Sat. at 9am to 1pm. Basket instructor, Rose Rasmusen, will teach interested participants how to weave a kitchen key basket. Both advance and beginning crafters will find this fun and simple to make. Fee of $13 to cover the cost of materials is due by June 24. Please bring a bucket and a towel. Basket is on display at the branch. Pre-register.

SATURDAY CINEMATHERAPY

June 28, Sat. at 2pm. On the screen this month is Alfred Hitchcock's 1940 film *Rebecca*, starring Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine, in this suspenseful story about a young bride who must live in the shadow of her husband's former wife. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 13, Fri. from 12:30pm to 2pm. A retired nurse will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

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Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

ON THE BIG SCREEN

June 3, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm. On the screen this month is *Double Indemnity* starring Fred MacMurray, Barbara Stanwyck and Edward G. Robinson. This classic seedy story is of an insurance agent who's seduced by a deadly blonde into killing her husband so they can collect together from his company. This will be the first of three film noir movies shown over the summer. Pre-register.

EXPLORE BUDAPEST

June 5, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm. Interested travelers will tour Hungary, via large screen TV, which is rightly called "Paris of the East." It offers a rich cultural heritage and magnificent architecture that captures the city in all its variety. Pre-register.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

June 20, Fri. at 1:30pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett. Patchett's novel is loosely based on the 1996 raid on the Japanese Embassy in Lima, Peru. The most heartbreaking details are true when what starts out as an international dinner party turns into a hostage situation. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

June 26, Thurs. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screenings. For more information call the library.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

June 26, Thurs. at 7pm. Interested readers are invited to

join the discussion of *Antigone* by Sophocles. This is a selection from the *First Series of Great Books*. A one time fee of $25.00 covers the cost of the set of books. Pre-register.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

TUESDAY CROSS STITCHERS

June 3, Tues. at 6:30pm. Interested cross-stitchers are invited to an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Participants can get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitching magazines and books. Pre-register.

TUTOR FACILITATOR TRAINING FOR ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

June 10, Tues. at 5:30pm. A tutor training class will be held for those who wish to work as tutors for participants learning English as their second language. Training will include a discussion of tutoring and techniques as well as the role tutors play as culture guides. The ESL classes will be held from June 17 to July 24. Pre-register.

REVERSE MORTGAGE FOR SENIORS

June 16, Mon. at 11am. Dave Lelek, of Goldcoast Funding, will explain the advantages and disadvantages of reverse mortgages for seniors. This type of mortgage allows seniors to get cash from a home without selling the property or making payments until the house is sold. Pre-register.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

June 17 and 19, Tues. and Thurs to July 24, at 6pm to 8pm. Classes will be held for participants learning English as their second language. Classes will initially focus on conversation and vocabulary. Pre-register.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY

June 25, Wed. at 7pm. Interested travelers will journey through Finland and the Baltic States, Lithuania, Latvia, and Estonia, via large screen TV. Refreshments will be served.

BOOK DISCUSSION

June 26, Thurs. at 10:15am. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Bee Season* by Myra Goldberg. After years of disappointing her highly intelligent Jewish family, young Eliza discovers a talent for spelling. Her role in the quirky family changes drastically and Eliza is not the only one struggling to cope. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
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Central Library

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PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

June 9 through July 28, Mon. at 10am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will "Get Wild about Reading" with stories, songs, a video and a craft. Pre-register ext. 360.



TODDLER TIME

June 11 through July 2, Wed. at 10am. Toddlers, ages 24 months to 36 months, along with a caregiver, will "Get Wild about Reading" with stories, songs and activities. Pre-register ext. 360.

READY TO LEARN WORKSHOP

June 24, Tues. at 7pm. Amy Prowse from PBS Station 56 will present a program for parents, caregivers, teachers and childcare workers for children, infants through age 8. She will describe a variety of activities, including some that coordinate with PBS programs, to help children learn and read better. The first 50 participants who register will receive a free book. Activities for children of participants will be provided. Pre-register ext. 360.

COLONIAL TIMES

June 10, Tues. at 2pm. Children, ages 6 to 11, will step back in time as they hear stories and participate in games and activities from the past. Molly White, who played Felicity on the American Girl Stage in Chicago, will present part of the program. Pre-register ext. 360.

MOVIE TIME!

June 11, Wed. at 1pm. Children, ages 6 to 12, will watch Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, on the big screen. Running time is 2 hours and 41 minutes. Pre-register ext. 360.

ALL JOIN IN

June 12, Thurs. at 2pm. The 2003 Summer Reading Program kicks off as the musical group, the Redheads, lead participants in a sing-a-long of old favorites for kids, ages 2 and older. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register ext. 360.

RED CROSS BABYSITTER TRAINING

June 14, Sat. at 9:15am to 4:45pm. Participants, ages 11 to 15, will become Red Cross certified babysitters by completing the Red Cross Babysitter Training course. The fee is $20 and must be paid in advance. Pre-register ext. 360.

HARRY POTTER FUN

June 17, Tues. at 10am or 2pm. Children, ages 6 to 11, will play games of "Whomping Willow", "Trivia", "Quidditch" and more. Students may attend a few Hogwarts classes, and shop and snack in Diagon Alley. Pre-register ext. 360.

SNAKES ALIVE

June 19, Thurs. at 2pm. Children, ages 2 and older, will hear stories and participate in many activities about snakes, spiders, and other creatures that crawl and slither. A pet snake and tarantula will visit. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register ext. 360.



WILD ABOUT PIZZA

June 24, Tues. at 10 am or 2 pm. A representative from Papa Murphy's will guide children, ages 6 to 11, through a variety of activities as they learn all about pizza and how it is made. Each participant will make a pizza to take home and bake. Attendance is limited. Register early ext. 360.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

June 26, Thurs. at 2 pm. Children, ages 2 and older, will hear stories about baseball and play indoor variations of the game. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register ext. 360.

Calumet Township

Black Oak Branch

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary *844-8809*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

WILD ABOUT BUBBLES

June 10, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, some bubbly songs and a cool craft. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT BOOK BAGS

June 12, Thurs. at 2pm. Children, ages 3 and older, will decorate their own book bag to use for summer reading. Attendance is limited. Pre-registration is required.

WILD ABOUT SLIMY CRITTERS

June 17, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this gooey story hour with a crazy craft and silly songs. Pre-register.

WILD HAIR PROGRAM

June 19, Thurs. at 2pm. Children, in grades K through 5, will color their hair, spike their hair and do whatever creative things they want. Please note: the hair color is not permanent. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT COLORS

June 24, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear colorful stories, sing songs and make a special craft to take home. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT SELF-DEFENSE

June 24, Tues. at 4pm. Correctional Specialist Chris Bradford will demonstrate basic self-defense techniques and how to protect themselves for students in grades 5 and higher. Participants should wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothes. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT SIDEWALK CHALK

June 26, Thurs. at 2pm. Children, in grades K through 5, are invited to make some masterpieces of art in the parking lot, then participate in games. Drinks and sidewalk chalk will be provided. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary *980-5180*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

June 11, Wed. at 2pm. Children, ages 3 and up, will enjoy a book walk to kick off the Summer Reading Program. Everyone will receive a free book. Pre-registration begins June 2nd.

WILD BLUE YONDER

June 16, Mon. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear *How Many Bugs in a Box* and make a bug magnet for the fridge. Pre-register.

WILD BLUE YONDER

June 18, Wed. at 2pm. Children, ages 6 and older, will make a dragon glider after listening to the story of Raising Dragons. Pre-register.

WILD FLOWERS

June 23, Mon. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will "plant a garden" and listen to *Muncha Muncha Muncha*. Pre-register.

WILD FLOWERS

June 25, Wed. at 2pm. Children, ages 6 and older will enjoy a special flower craft and hear the story, *The Gardener*. Pre-register.

play some wacky games. Pre-registration begins June 16.

EAT A BUG

June 26, Thurs. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will go buggy and snack on ants on a log. Pre-registration begins June 16.

WILD ABOUT THE MOVIES

June 26, Thurs. at 2pm. Children, ages 2 and older, are invited to watch a special movie. Participants may bring a snack; lemonade and tea will be provided. Preschoolers must be accompanied by a caregiver. For the specific movie title and length of movie. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *374-7121*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

TAKE A WILD RIDE

June 3, Tues. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their parent or caregiver, will hear transportation stories or songs. Pre-register.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

June 10, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will listen to stories about wild animals as well as David Shannon's *No, David*, a humorous story about a wild little boy. A wild craft will conclude the program. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT GAMES

June 12, Thurs. at 2 pm. Children, ages 5 to 12, will play a variety of games including Duck-Duck-Goose, Shoe Relay, Mummy Wrap, and Parachute games. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT COLORS

June 17, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will learn about colors through stories, songs and games. Children may have their face painted at the conclusion of the program. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT GREYHOUNDS

June 19, Thurs. at 2 pm. A representative of "Greyhound Guardians" will speak to children, ages 5 to 12, about their program and will bring Greyhound dogs for the children to meet. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT ART

June 21, Sat. at 10am until noon. Local artist Pat Mahns, will lead participants, ages 11 to 17, in painting a wild motif on a terra cotta planter. Participants will plant a flower in the pot to complete the program. Fee of $2.00 covers the cost of materials

Summer Reading Program must attend this training session with a parent. Volunteer applications are available at the library and must be signed by a parent. All volunteers need to submit a new application this summer. Pre-register.

LION CUBS

June 10 through July 29, Tues. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 20 to 36 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays and crafts. Pre-register.

CHIMPANZEES

June 10 through July 30, Tues. at 1:30pm or Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this weekly storyhour with books, music, finger plays and crafts. Pre-registration begins May 16.

CINEMA SAFARI

June 12, Thurs. at 2pm. Children, in grades K or higher, will enjoy this week's movie, Disney's *The Jungle Book* with Mowgli and Baloo. Coconut milk will be provided if participants bring bear claws. Pre-register.

ANIMALS

June 19, Thurs. at 2pm. Children, in grades K or higher, will learn about endangered animals then make an animal craft. Pre-register.

EDIBLE LANDFILL

June 26, Thurs. at 1pm or 2:30pm. The Enviromobile will make a visit with a unique environmental experience for participants. This is a hands on activity with limited attendance. Pre-registration is required.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *962-2409*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

SUMMER PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

June 9 through July 30, Mon. at 1:30pm or Wed. at 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy weekly stories, songs, finger plays, short films and a craft. Pre-register.

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

June 11, Wed. at 1:30pm. Children, in grades K or higher, will make their own friendship bracelet. Program may be held outside depending on the weather so please bring a blanket to sit on. Pre-register.

KARATE

June 18, Wed. at 1:30pm. Children, in grades K or higher, will learn about "Stranger Awareness" techniques. Brian Hill, Instructor at Fighting Arts Dojo in Lake Station, specializes in women and children's self-defense, and will teach basic karate techniques

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *836-8450*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

TERRIFIC 2'S AND 3'S

June 9 through June 30, Mon. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will enjoy this weekly story time with activities based around themes such as woodland animals, giants, bugs and our country. Pre-register.

MUNSTER PLAYER PRESENTS

June 9, Mon. at 1:30pm to 3pm. Tryouts will be held for children of all ages to participate in the play, *Where the Wild Things Are*. Practice will be held weekly starting June 16 through July 28. The play will be performed on August 4 at 10:30am and 1:30pm. Pre-register.

FANTASTIC 4'S AND 5'S

June 10 through June 24, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy this weekly story time with activities based around themes such as woodland animals, giants and bugs. Pre-register.

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

June 11, 18, 25, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Children, in grades K or higher, are invited to this weekly program with activities based around the themes of woodland animals, giants and bugs. Pre-register.

WILD PROGAMS

June 12, Thurs. at 1:30pm, June 19, 26, Thurs. at 2pm. Children of all ages are invited to this wild series of programs with themes of Gibson Woods, Enviromobile Edible Landfill and a movie date. Pre-register.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

VOLUNTEER MEETING

June 5, Thurs. at 6:30pm or June 9, Mon. at 6:30pm. Children, ages 11 and older, who would like to help with the Summer Reading Program must attend one of the information meetings. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting. Pre-register.

GET WILD ABOUT READING
June 10, Tues. at 6:30pm or June 12, Thurs. at 6:30pm. Children of all ages and their parents are invited to our kickoff event featuring the Berenstain Bear brother and sister in person. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

WILD WEST
June 17, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Children, in completed grades K and up, may wear their western duds for this program about the Wild West. Campfire grub will be served. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL BUCKING BRONCOS
June 18, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, may dress up in western duds for stories about horses and the Wild West. Pre-register.

BUCKAROO TWOS
June 19, Thurs. at 10:30am or 11:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear stories about horses and other farm animals. Pre-register.

WILD KINGDOM
June 24, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Children, in completed grades K or higher, are invited to this program about crocodiles and other jungle reptiles. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL JUNGLE
June 25, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will explore the jungle through stories, songs and activities. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIGERS (Age 2)
June 26, Thurs. at 10:15am or 11 am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers will be offered a variety of stories, songs and activities about jungle animals. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave. *365-5379*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

MONDAY NIGHT CRAFT NIGHT
June 2, Mon. at 6pm. Interested crafters, ages 10 to 110 are invited for craft night. For specific craft information please call the library. Pre-register.

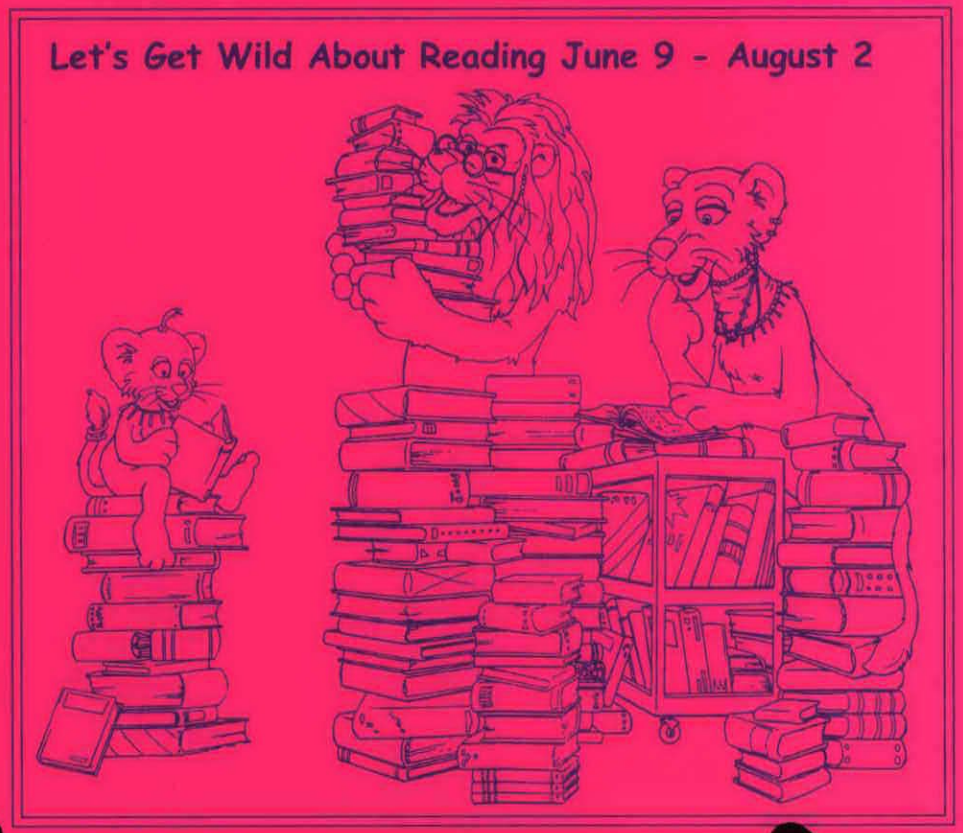
WILD ABOUT READING
June 9, Mon. at 4pm. Children of all ages are invited to meet the Berenstain Bears, enjoy refreshments a[illegible]ign up for summer reading. Pre-register.

JUNE SNOWMEN
June 16, Mon. at 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will make a marshmallow snowman. Pre-register.

WILD WINTER IN JUNE
June 18, Wed. at 10:30am or 3pm. Children, in grades K or higher, will celebrate with marshmallows instead of snowballs. Marshmallow sculptures will be created. Pre-register.

LET'S PRETEND
June 23, Mon. at 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will use their imaginations to create a fireworks picture. Pre-register.

LET YOUR IMAGINATION GO WILD
June 25, Wed. at 10:30am or 3pm. Children, in grades K or higher, will play games using their imaginations, hear the *Story of the St. John Wizard*, then make a kaleidoscope. Pre-register.



WILD FLOWE

June 27, Fri. at 2pm. Young adults, ages 11 to 14, will make a rug yarn flower pot and plant a flower in it. Pre-register.

WILD KINGDOM

June 30, Mon. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will make this firefly bug craft then hear the story *Fireflies, Fireflies, Light My Way*. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *838-2825*
www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm

VOLUNTEERS MEETING

June 3, Tues. at 6:30pm. or June 5, Thurs. at 4pm. Children, ages 11 and older, who are interested in volunteering during the Summer Reading Program need to attend this meeting. Pre-register.

SIGN UP FOR SUMMER READING

June 11, Wed. at 2pm. Children, ages 2 and older, will have a wild time with stories, films and a puppet play. They will also use a bookmark for their books they read this summer. Preschoolers must be accompanied by a caregiver. Pre-registration begins June 2.

COMEDY CORNER

June 11, Wed. at 7pm. Young adults, ages 15 and older, are invited to bring their sense of humor to join in the fun and laugh at the library. Pre-registration begins June 9.

SLIMY CRITTERS

June 17, Tues. at 2pm. Children, ages 4 to 6, will hear stories about reptiles and make a craft. Pre-registration begins June 9.

WILD HAIR

June 18, Wed. at 2pm. Children, ages 7 to 10, should dress for a mess as they create weird, colorful hair styles with cool aid and glue. Bring a hand mirror if you have one. Pre-registration begins on June 9.

PUPPET PIZZAZZ

June 19, Thurs. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, will make a big mouth toad puppet. Parents or caregivers are encouraged to participate. Pre-registration begins June 9.

BACKWARDS DAY

June 24, Tues. at 2pm. Children, ages 4 to 6, should could dressed backwards to this program to enjoy silly games. Pre-registration begins June 16.

WILD AND CRAZY

June 25, Wed. at 2pm. Children, ages 7 to 10, should come dressed backwards to provided. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

WET AND WILD!

June 24, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will listen to a summer story before heading outdoors to enjoy water activities. Please wear your swimsuit and sunscreen. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT FIREFIGHTERS

June 26, Thurs. at 2pm. Members of the Cedar Lake Volunteer Fire Department will speak to the children, ages 5 to 12, about firefighting and will show some of their equipment. The firefighters will also lead the children in an exploration of the fire truck.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *838-2394*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

SUMMER READING OPEN HOUSE

June 10, Tues. from 1pm to 3pm. Children of all ages are invited to kick off the Summer Reading Program with this annual library open house. Enjoy stories, wild and wet water games and refreshments. Be prepared to get wet! Pre-registration is not required.

WET AND WILD STORIES

June 11, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will create their own water creatures out of shells and other materials after hearing stories such as *Water Hole Waiting*. Pre-register.

WHISTLE STOP CAFÉ

June 12, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Young adults, in completed grade 4 or higher, are invited in for weekly book talks, book discussions, games and refreshments. Stop by the library to pick up a list of books that will be discussed. Bring a friend and relax in the atmosphere of the library's own "Café." This week we will be doing "Mad Libs." Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT BUGS

June 16, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers will enjoy bugs during this lap sit story time. Pre-register.

READING RAINBOW BUGS

June 17, Tues. at 1pm or 3pm. Children, in grades K or higher, will watch Reading Rainbow Bugs then create their own bug book and go on a short bug hunting expedition. Pre-register.

BUG STORIES

June 18, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear *Very Lonely*

Firefly and other bug stories after which they will make "mutant bugs" out of pre-printed bug parts. Pre-register.

WHISTLE STOP CAFÉ

June 19, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Children, in completed grades 4 or higher, are invited to another weekly book discussion. Pre-register.

BROWN BAG MOVIES

June 20, Fri. at 12:30pm. Children of all ages will enjoy Disney's *It's a Bug's Life*. They should bring their lunch and beverage. Popcorn will be provided. Preschoolers must be accompanied by adult. Pre-register.

WILD THINGS

June 23, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers will enjoy wild stories, such as *Walking Through the Jungle*. Pre-register.

BUBBLEOLOGIST

June 24, Tues. at 1:30pm. The entire family will enjoy Keith Evans, Bubbleologist, as he uses common household items and some not so common things to create bubbles. Can he blow a bubble around one of our summer readers? Pre-registration not required for this program.

WILD STORIES

June 25, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear wild stories such as *Where the Wild Things Are*, then make a special craft. Pre-register.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

June 26, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Children, in completed grades 4 or higher, are invited to an afternoon of board games. Bring in your favorite games and pair up with others. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT BIRTHDAYS

June 30, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers will hear stories about birthdays and have birthday cake to celebrate 4th of July. Pre-register.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *942-2243*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

June 2, M[illegible] at 6pm. Children, ages 12 and older, that would like to assist with the

for safety. Program may be held outside depending on the weather so please bring a blanket to sit on. Pre-register.

TALES OF AFRICA

June 25, Wed. at 1:30pm. Children, in grades K or higher, will hear African tales and make African masks. Program may be held outside depending on the weather so please bring a blanket to sit on. Pre-register.

EDIBLE LANDFILL

June 26, Thurs. at 1pm or 2:30pm. The Enviromobile will make a visit with a unique environmental experience for participants. This is a hands on activity with a limited attendance. Pre-registration is required. Program will be held at the HOBART LIBRARY.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *962-2421*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

DANDY DINOSAURS

June 10, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will have a dinosaur dig, play a guessing game and make a dinosaur craft. Pre-register.

MUSIC FROM RUBINOS

June 14, Sat. at 1pm. A local guitarist will entertain children, ages 2 to 12. After the performance, children may participate in a talent show. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register.

ZANY ZOO

June 17, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will play zoo animal musical chairs. They will decorate and eat zoo bars and play "Feed the Animals." Pre-register.

MOVIE TIME

June 19, Thurs. at 1pm. Children, ages 2 to 13, will enjoy the popular Disney movie, *Toy Story*. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register.

SUMMER SUNSHINE

June 24, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will decorate suns and make sand art creations. Pre-register.

EDIBLE LANDFILL

June 26, Thurs. at 1pm or 2:30pm. The Enviromobile will make a visit with a unique environmental experience for participants. This is a hands on activity with a limited attendance. Pre-registration is required. Program will be held at the HOBART LIBRARY.



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JULY 2003 HAPPENINGS @ your library

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GREAT MINDS, GREAT BOOKS

Since 1992, the Munster Branch Library has offered a monthly Great Books discussion program. The Great Books movement was begun more than fifty years ago at the University of Chicago by Mortimer Adler and Robert Maynard Hutchins. The two academics shared a vision of book discussion groups in which "passionate readers could meet and talk about enduring issues and ideas." Today the movement has more than 850 groups meeting in libraries and homes throughout the United States with thousands of adult participants.

Join in the discussion with ANNE BROWN as she leads her monthly group- Munster Great Books

Anne Brown, a former high school English teacher, volunteers her time to facilitate the discussions at the Munster Branch. Her initiation into the Great Books program dates back to her last two years of teaching. At that time, she enrolled in a training course offered by the Great Books Foundation. Upon completing the course, she launched a Junior Great Books program at Thornton Fractional North. Working with high school students proved to be great training for what followed. When Anne came out of retirement in the fall of 1992, she brought her special brand of energy and commitment to life-long learning to the Munster Branch.

Several individuals have been with the Munster Great Books group since its inception and are equally enthusiastic about the benefits it provides. This past year the group opted to re-read the original First Series since many new participants have joined in recent years. The group will tackle the Second Series beginning in September and during July/August, classic novels will be read. The packaged set, which includes all of the readings for the next several months, is available for purchase at the Munster Branch Library for $25.00. Those works that will be read in their entirety include Plato's *The Crito,* Euripides' *Iphigeneia at Aulis,* Dostoevsky's *Notes from the Underground*, Melville's *Billy Budd, Sailor*, Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra*, and Thoreau's *Civil Disobedience*. Excerpts from several other literary works are also part of the series.

The only requirement for joining the discussion is to read the assigned selection ahead of time. Participants learn from one another as they share questions and ideas about the readings. The emphasis is always on questions of interpretation that can be supported by evidence from the work itself. According to Anne, what makes the sessions so interesting is the fact that the participants come from varied backgrounds and naturally contribute different perspectives to the discussion.

There are scores of intelligent adults in our library communities who are looking for an opportunity to broaden their knowledge and express their thoughts. If this description fits, consider taking part in the Great Books program. Newcomers are always welcome. The group meets on the last Thursday of each month at 7 pm. Call the Munster Branch Library today (219-836-8450) to reserve your copy of the reading packet. Treat yourself. Become one of the newest members of the Great Books movement.

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PROCRASTINATION WORKSHOP AND BOOK SIGNING

presented by author **Rita Emmett.**
Wednesday, July 16 at 6:30pm.
Emmett, author of *The Procrastinator's Handbook,* will present a workshop on how to stop procrastinating. She will then sell and sign copies of her book. Books will be available for $20. Current *Friends* members will have free access to this workshop. Other interested patrons will need to join *Friends* to attend this program.
Dues are: Individual - $5, Family - $10, Sponsor - $15, Life Member - $100.
To pre-register and to join *Friends,* call 219-769-3541, ext. 317.
Don't procrastinate!
Pre-register today!

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

AUTHOR SIGNING AND PROGRAM

July 1, Tues. at 7pm. Dr. Jaswinder Singh and Kalyani Gopal are co-authors of *Americanization of New Immigrants: people who come to America and what they need to know*. Moving to a new country is stressful and despite this, one international migrant comes to America every 38 seconds. This is why the authors compiled this easy-to-read guide to the naturalization process. Pre-register, ext. 317.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

July 10, Thurs. at 6pm. Readers are invited to join in the discussion of *Rain of Gold* by Victor Villasenor. This is Villasenor's true story of his immigrant family's odyssey from the revolution-torn Mexico of 1911 to the promise of peace and prosperity in California. Pre-register, ext. 340.

GARDENING SERIES - WATER GARDENING: BOGS, PONDS AND CONTAINERS

July 15, Tues. at 7pm. This month's topic is presented by Pat Rosenwinkle, Master Gardener. Co-sponsored with Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service featuring the Speakers Bureau of Lake Co. Master Gardeners Program. Master Gardeners can achieve advanced training hours by attending any of these programs. Pre-register, ext. 317.

MYSTERY LOVES COMPANY

July 22, Tues. at noon. Interested readers are invited to join in the discussion of *Thief of Time* by Tony Hillerman. When Dr. Eleanor Friedman-Bernal turns up missing, Leaphorn and Chee must work together to find stolen artifacts, a missing thief and more murders using their knowledge of the Navajo ways. Pre-register, ext. 336.

HOW TO START A BUSINESS

July 22, Tues. at 1pm to 5pm. The Small Business Development Center will present this workshop for interested participants. Pre-register by calling the SBDC at 219-762-1696. Fees are $25 in advance; $30 at the door.

READER'S ADVISORY @ your library



ROOMS WITH A VIEW:
fictional lodgings

BOOK SIGNING AND PRESENTATION

July 24, Thurs. at 7pm. Dr. James Broderick will discuss his book, *Paging New Jersey* and then sell and sign copies. Dr. Broderick holds a Ph.D. in English from City University of New York. He was born in East Chicago and grew up in Whiting. His novel provides a reader friendly overview of writers, books and historical events which have put New Jersey on the literary map. In addition, his novel offers an extended tour through the shadowy literary landscape of Mafia related books. Pre-register, ext. 317.

AUTHOR TEACHES WRITING PROGRAM

July 29, Tues. at 7pm. Michael Blackett, author of *Visions of Terror*, will teach a writing program about character construction. New and beginning writers will likely benefit from this interesting, educational program. Blackett will also sell and sign copies of his novel of four stories exposing four main characters and their desperate struggle to survive. Pre-register, ext. 317.

Calumet Township

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings **@your library.**

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

BOOK DISCUSSION

July 28, Mon. at 6pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Gone for Good* by Harlan Coben. On her deathbed, Will Klein's mother tells him that his allegedly murderous brother Ken is still alive. Will's search for Ken leaves him doubting the actions of everybody he's ever loved. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 7, Mon. from 10am to 11:30am. Unity Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: A patron asked, "Where can one find a list of charities registered to solicit in Indiana?"

A: For a list of charitable organizations, go to web site www.in.gov/attorneygeneral/consumer/charities.htm Nearly all charitable and nonprofit agencies hire outside professional firms to do the calling for donations.
It includes the percentage kept for the organization and the amount given to professional solicitors.

Griffith Branch ...continued

BOOK DISCUSSION

July 16, Wed. at 7pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Step Ball Change* by Jeanne Ray. Ray's novel will make readers laugh and smile as you read about families changing and new relationships developing. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

BOOKS AND CHAT

July 15, Tues. at 2pm or July 16, Wed. at 6:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *All Over But the Shouting* by Rick Bragg. Bragg shows the struggles and determination to make something of himself after he was born in the pinewoods of Alabama to a mean-tempered, hard-drinking father and a strong-willed loving mother. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING TOWN

July 22, Tues. at 2pm. Interested travelers will visit Europe's largest wilderness area, stretching from Norway, Sweden and Finland, northwards for 1,000 miles to the Arctic Circle, via large screen TV. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

ONE ON ONE COMPUTER TRAINING

During July, appointments for one on one computer assistance with Microsoft Word, Excel, WebPAC and basic Internet is available at various times. To schedule an appointment, call the library.

VIDEO HISTORY SERIES

July 7, Mon. at 1:30pm or 7pm. This month's video is *Seeking Noah's Flood* which presents evidence of the Great Flood from geology, archaeology, and tradition. It also explores the theory that the Black Sea was created from a lower level fresh water lake inundated by sea water. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

July 8, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Big Stone Gap* by Adriana Trigiani. It's 1978, and Ave Maria is the 35 year-old self-proclaimed spinster of Big Stone Gap, Virginia. She is content until she discovers a skeleton in her family closet that completely unravels her quiet, predictable life. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 9, Wed. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

FREE GLUCOSE SCREENING

July 9, Wed. from 10am to noon. Rest Haven Home Care Solutions will provide free glucose screening in conjunction with the blood pressure screening. Those interested should fast for 12 hours prior to the test. Pre-registration is not required. Attendees will be served on a first come, first serve basis. For more information call the library.

SAND RIDGE BANK MORNING CLUB

July 10, Thurs. at 10:30am. This month's club meeting's topic is "Do You Live in a Sears House?" Participants will learn about the history and inter-relationships among the major companies that sold mail order homes to the Midwest market and receive tips on how to recognize a Sears-Roebuck mail order home. Co-sponsored by Sand Ridge Bank. Pre-register by calling the bank at 972-7317.

PARIS AND PORTUGAL TRAVELOGUE

July 14, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Gordon Wilder of Highland will show slides of his recent trips to Paris, France and Portugal. Pre-register.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

July 21, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Travelers will go in search of the essential nature of largely rural Provence, visiting small cities, villages and Roman sites. Then pursue the various arts of Paris on the streets of the right and left banks of the Seine. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

July 24, Thurs. at 7pm. Interested readers are invited to join in the discussion of *Devil in a Blue Dress* by Walter Mosley. Ezekiel Rawlings, a young, tough black veteran living in 1948 Los Angeles, only wants respect and enough money to pay his mortgage. After losing his job, however, he takes on some paid errands for a shady white mobster. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

July 28, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. On the screen this month is *Roman Holiday*. A princess bored with her official visit to Rome slips away and plays at being an "average Jane." A reporter discovers her little charade and decides to cash in with an exclusive story. Before they know it, love calls. Pre-register.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

July 31, Thurs. at 10am to 5pm. Hal Schaller, an AARP representative, will present this one day driver training program, in a classroom setting, designed to help older adults improve their driving skills. Some insurance companies offer discounts to participants. Fee of $10 is payable at the program. Participants should bring a sack lunch. Coffee will be provided. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ON THE ROAD AGAIN ... TO ALASKA

July 2, Wed. at 7pm. Interested travelers will journey north, via large screen TV, to the great state of Alaska for a tour of Mount McKinley, glaciers and various wildlife. Pre-register.

AFTERNOON BOOK CHAT

July 15, Tues. at 2pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *The Fig Eater Tree* by Jody Shields. Shields' novel takes place in 1910 where an 18 year-old girl is found brutally murdered in Vienna. The inspector's wife, Erszebet, begins her own investigation, certain that the figs found in the girl's stomach are the clue to the murderer's identity. Pre-register.

SCRABBLE CLUB

July 23, Wed. at 6pm. Adults are invited to challenge their Scrabble techniques and vocabulary skills at a monthly match. Attendance is limited. Pre-register beginning June 2.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 11, Fri. from 12:30pm to 2pm. A retired nurse will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

the Staff Recommends @ your library

Susannah Morrow by Megan Chance

"The author successfully blends fictional characters with the real people who were involved in the 'Salem Witch Trials.' Each of the main characters narrates a section of the book, which is another interesting angle of the story."

La Cucina: a Novel of Rapture by Lily Prior

"Rose is a librarian, a great cook, and a woman of generous proportions. Cooking and eating were her passions until "L'Inglese,' a mysterious chef, comes into her library, her kitchen and her life."

Open Season by C.J. Box

"This debut novel begins a series featuring Wyoming game warden Joe Pickett. Joe is a quiet, stand-up guy who finds himself and his family in the middle of dirty dealings involving an endangered species. If you like tightly-woven plots with building tension, flawed but likable heroes, and wilderness settings, you will like this story."

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

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Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

ON THE BIG SCREEN

July 8, Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm. On the screen this month is *Laura*, starring Gene Tierney, Dana Andrews, Clifton Webb and Vincent Price. Detective Mark McPherson, assigned to the murder investigation of the late Laura Hunt, finds himself falling in love with her painted portrait and discovering some surprising facts. Pre-register.

EXPLORE CHINA

July 10, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm. Interested travelers will take a tour of some of China's most incredible landmarks and sights, including the Great Wall, Bejing, the Peking Opera and much more, via large screen TV. Pre-register.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

July 18, Fri. at 1:30pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Interpreter of Maladies* by Jhumpa Lahiri. Lahiri's novel

won the 2000 Pulitzer Prize for fiction, and is a stunning debut collection that captures the out-of-context lives of immigrants, expatriates and first-generation Americans. Lahiri's stories speak with universal eloquence to everyone who has ever felt like a foreigner. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

July 24, Thurs. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will be available to do blood pressure screenings. For more information call the library.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

July 31, Thurs. at 7pm. The title for this month's discussion is a classic novel. For more information and to pre-register, call the library.

St. John Township
Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

DO YOU SURF? @ your library

DisabilityInfo.gov - www.disabilityinfo.gov
Disability related information and programs available from the federal government on numerous subjects, including civil rights, education, employment, housing, health and transportation.

Centennial of Flight Celebration – www.inventingflight.com
All year long, Dayton, Ohio has been celebrating 100 years of powered flight. The pinnacle will be three weeks in July packed full of aviation events, activities, and entertainment. This site describes more about the event, along with historical information about the Wright Brothers and a list of aviation links.

Spelling's Best Places – www.bestplaces.net
Profiles 3,000 cities, including school statistics, crime rates, and climate. Also features a city comparison, which compares statistics between tow cities in over 100 categories.

German fest – www.germanfest.com
The largest German festival in the United States will take place July 25-27 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. German Fest 2003 will showcase many live bands, including five from Europe. Enjoy authentic foods such as spanferkel, sauerbraten and bratwurst. Each day will feature a yodeling contest and an alphorn playing contest. Learn more about it from this website.

TUESDAY CROSS STITCHERS

July 1, Tues. at 6:30pm. Interested cross-stitchers are invited to an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Participants can get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitching magazines and books. Pre-register.

JOB SEARCHING ON THE INTERNET

July 19, Sat. at 1pm. Participants will learn what types of resources are available on the Internet for job seekers. The ability to use a computer is required for this workshop. Pre-register.

TRAVEL PLANNING ON THE INTERNET

July 21, Mon. at 6pm. Participants will learn how to plan their own travel arrangements using library resources and the Internet. Pre-register.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY - MALAYSIA AND SOUTHERN THAILAND

July 23, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers will visit some of the oldest rainforests on the planet and explore the wide variety of culture in South East Asia via large-screen video. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

July 24, Thurs. at 10:15am. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Alias Grace* by Margaret Atwood. Grace Marks has already served 15 years of a life sentence for a murder she doesn't remember when a young doctor in the emerging field of mental illness tries to help her regain her past. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

Call the St. John Branch for more information about Happenings **@your library.**

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Procrastination Workshop

and

Book Signing

Sponsored by the *Friends* of Lake County Public Library

Presented by **Rita Emmett,**

author of

The Procrastination Handbook,

Mastering the Art of Doing it Now.

Copies of her book will be available for $20.

Wednesday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Friends of the Lake County Public Library members will have ***free*** access to this workshop and book signing! It's easy to become a member of *Friends*. Call 219-769-3541 ext. 317 to get further information on becoming a member or to pre-register.

Don't procrastinate! Pre-register today by calling the library at 769-3541, ext. 317.

Need to become a ***Friend*** *or renew your membership?* Ask that a membership form be mailed to you when you pre-register.

For more information about Rita, check out her website at www.ritaemmett.com

Happenings Jr. @ your library
Children's Programming
July 2003

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

WILD ABOUT RAINBOWS



July 1, Tues. at 10am or 2pm. Children, ages 6 to 11, will enjoy activities ranging from re-enacting a musical version of "Noah's Ark" to experimenting with color mixing, to crafting a rainbow bracelet. Many books about colors will be featured. Pre-register, ext. 360.

FREEDOM FEST

July 3, Thurs. at 2pm. Children, ages 2 and older, will celebrate the Fourth of July with stories and related activities. They will also use chalk to decorate the library patio and sidewalks for the holiday. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register, ext. 360.

WILD ABOUT ORIGAMI

July 8, Tues. at 10am or 2pm. Children, ages 6 through 11, will hear Asian-themed stories such as *Tikki Tikki Tembo*, *Story About Ping* and *The Five Chinese Brothers*. Children will then learn about Origami and try a few projects. Pre-register, ext. 360.

READER LEADER

Jul 9, 16, 23 and 30, Weds. at 2pm. Children, who have completed grades K through 2, will be partnered with older students for reading and a variety of other fun activities. This program is designed to help young children practice their reading skills. Pre-register, ext. 360.

ART ATTACK

July 10, Thurs. at 2pm. Children, ages 2 and older, will participate in many artistic activities, hear fun stories and make one or two crafts of their choice. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register, ext. 360.

WILD ABOUT WATER

July 15, Tues. at 10am or 2pm. Children, ages 6 through 11, will hear stories about water, the beach and sea creatures. Be prepared to get wet in outdoor water games. Pre-register, ext. 360.

AMAZING ANIMALS

July 17, Thurs. at 2pm. Dr. Larry McAfee, a Valparaiso Veterinarian, will present this program about animals and will show some of his more unusual pets. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register, ext. 360.

MAZE CRAZE

July 22, Tues. at 10am or 2pm. Children, ages 6 through 11, will participate in stories and activities about mazes and create a maze of their own. Pre-register, ext. 360.



PUPPET SHOW

July 24, Thurs. at 2pm. Children, ages 2 and older, will enjoy this puppet show where book characters come to life in several skits presented by the Teen Volunteers. Celebrity appearances are expected by Henny Penny, Miss Nelson, Viola Swamp, Max and the Wild Things. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register, ext. 360.

SENSATIONAL STAMPING

July 29, Tues. at 10am or 2pm. Children, ages 6 through 11, will explore the world of stamping with books and activities. Stephanie Meeder, a professional stamper, will guide children as they complete a project using a variety of stamps. Pre-register, ext. 360.

SUMMER READING CELEBRATIONG WITH JOCKO THE CLOWN

July 31, Thurs. at 2pm. Jocko the Clown will amaze children of all ages with magic tricks and more at this finale for the Summer Reading Program. Children who have read at least one book will receive a certificate. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register, ext. 360.

Calumet Township

Black Oak Branch

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary *844-8809*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

WILD ABOUT STARS AND STRIPES

July 1, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy a festive holiday program with stories, songs and a patriotic craft. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT INDEPENDENCE DAY

July 3, Thurs. at 2pm. School-age children, in completed grades K through 5, will learn about the holiday, and make patriotic decorations. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT MONKEY BUSINESS
July 8, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy *Curious George* monkey tales, a banana treat, songs and a craft. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT MONSTERS
July 10, Thurs. at 10:30am. School-age children, in completed grades K through 5, will enjoy monster tales, a spooky craft and a creepy craft too. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT THE OCEAN
July 15, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will swim over and explore the magic of the ocean and its animals through stories, songs and a craft. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT DETENTION
July 15, Tues, at 2pm. Children, in completed grades 5 and higher, will get to do everything at the library they would get in trouble for doing anywhere else. There will be a rubber band shooting contest, spit-wad target competition and more. Pre-register.

WILD THING TALENT SHOW
July 17, Thurs. at 2pm. School-age children, in completed grades K through 5, will get a chance to show off their talent or to learn a new one. A CD player is available if needed. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT COOKIES
July 22, Tues. at 2pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories, sing songs and create a cookie to take home. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT BUGS
July 24, Thurs. at 2pm. School-age children, in completed grades K through 5, will learn amazing facts to stump their friends. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT PICNICS
July 29, Tues. at 11am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, should bring their sack lunches to enjoy while they listen to stories and sing songs. Drinks will be provided. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT WATER GAMES
July 31, Thurs. at 2pm. School-age children, in completed grades K through 5, will have tons of fun getting wet. Please bring a towel. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary *980-5180*
www.lakeco[illegible]n.us/caltwp.htm

OUR FEATHERED FRIENDS
July 1, Tues. at 2pm. Children, ages 4 to 6, will enjoy stories about birds and make a feathery craft. Pre-registration begins June 23.

SHAKE IT UP
July 2, Wed. at 2pm. Children, ages 7 through 10, will shake up some snacks when they make hasty pudding. Pre-registration begins June 23.

BING BANG
July 3, Thurs. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will turn toilet paper rolls into safe firecrackers for the 4th of July. Pre-registration begins June 23.

RED BARON
July 8, Tues. at 2pm. Children, ages 4 through 6, will make a model of Red Baron's airplanes. Pre-registration begins June 30.

GRIFFITH BARNSTORMERS
July 9, Wed. at 2pm. Members of the radio controlled airplane club will talk about and demonstrate this hobby. This program will take place at their flying field in Griffith's South Park. Pre-registration begins June 30.

COMEDY CORNER
July 9, Wed. at 7pm. Young adults, ages 15 and older, are invited to a comedy program. Please bring a sense of humor. Pre-registration begins June 30.

UP, UP AND AWAY
July 10, Thurs. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will make a simple glider and parachute. Pre-registration begins June 30.

SPLISH, SPLASH
July 15, Tues. at 2pm. Children, ages 4 to 6, will hear all kinds of stories about water and make a craft. Pre-registration begins July 7.

BUBBLES, BUBBLES, EVERYWHERE
July 16, Wed. at 2pm. Children, ages 7 to 10, will hear stories about water and make a bubbly craft. Pre-registration begins July 7.

HERE FISHY, FISHY
July 17, Thurs. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will visit a fishing pond. Pre-registration begins July 7.

WILD ABOUT THE MOVIES
July 17, Thurs. at 2pm. Children, ages 2 and older, should bring a snack to eat

"color musical hairs." Pre-register.

MOVIE
July 3, Thurs. at 1pm. Children, ages 2 to 13, will watch Disney's *Monsters Inc.* Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register.

TEDDY BEAR, TEDDY BEAR
July 8, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, can bring their stuffed animals for show and tell. They will have a treasure and play a game, then decorate honey pots. Pre-register.

HOBART ANIMAL CLINIC
July 15, Tues. at 2pm. A representative from the Hobart Animal Clinic will visit the library along with some pets. They will teach children about caring for family pets. Pre-register.

RAINFOREST BONANZA
July 17, Thurs. at 1pm. Children, in completed grades K through 3, will play a variety of animal games. Pre-register.

BUGGY BUGS
July 22, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will play a variety of bug games. Pre-register.

IT'S A MYSTERY
July 24, Thurs. at 1pm. Children, ages 10 and older, will play a variety of mystery games. Pre-register.

UNDER THE BIG TOP
July 29, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will have an animal parade and play circus games. Pre-register.

SUMMER READING FINALE
July 31, Thurs. at 1pm. Children who participated in the Summer Reading Program will enjoy games and refreshments. Awards will be also be given out. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *836-8450*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

PRESCHOOLERS WILD ABOUT OUR COUNTRY
July 1, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy stories, music, crafts and other activities about our country. Pre-registration begins June 2.

PRESCHOOLERS WILD AND CRAZY WEEK
July 29, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy special stories, music, crafts and other activities. Pre-registration begins July 1.

SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN WILD AND CRAZY WEEK
July 30, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Children, in grades K and higher, will enjoy special stories, music, crafts and other activities. Pre-registration begins July 1.

JELLY BEAN THE CLOWN
July 31, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Children of all ages will enjoy more of the wild and crazy week with a visit from a clown. Pre-registration is not necessary. Preschoolers my be accompanied by an adult.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

LUNCHTIME MOVIES
July 1, Tues. at 12:30pm. Children, in completed grades K or higher, should bring their sack lunch to eat while enjoying films. Drinks will be provided. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT PANCAKES
July 8, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Children, in completed grades K or higher, will cook their own pancake. Please bring a topping to share with others. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL PIGS AND PANCAKES
July 9, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories, sing songs and enjoy a pancake snack. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME
July 10, Thurs. at 10:30am or 11:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear a variety of stories, sing songs and make a craft. Pre-register.

ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR
July 15, Tues. at 1:30pm. Children, in completed grades 1 or higher, will make a variety of crafts. Please bring a paper grocery bag to carry crafts home. Pre-register.

WILD WARDROBE
July 16, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, are invited to dress in wild and wacky outfits to hear stories about clothing. Pre-register.

TODDLER TOGS
July 17, Thurs. at 10:30am or 11:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy a variety of stories, songs and activities. Pre-register.

PET SHOW
July 22, Tues. at 2pm. Children, in completed grades K or higher, may show off their pets and earn ribbons. Pets, twenty pounds or less, in cages, tanks or on a leash, are eligible. All children and pets must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register.

WILD AUSTRALIA
July 23, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy kangaroo and koala stories and activities. Pre-register.

HARRY POTTER BIRTHDAY PARTY
July 24, Thurs. at 6:30pm. Children, ages 10 and older, who have read at least one Harry Potter book are invited to celebrate his birthday with games and birthday cake. Pre-register.

FIRE! FIRE!
July 29, Tues. at 2pm. The Schererville Fire Department will visit children, ages 3 and older, to cool them off with a spray and to teach them about fire safety. Please bring a towel. In the event of rain, the program will be postponed to Wednesday, July 30 at 2pm.

THE LAST HURRAH
July 31, Thurs. at 6:30pm. Children who participated in the Summer Reading Program are invited to this program featuring the Calumet Clowns. Reading certificates may be picked up at this program. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave. *365-5379*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

WILD BLUE YONDER
July 2, Wed. at 10:30am or 3pm. Children, ages 3 through 12, will enjoy outdoor games, if weather permits. If it rains, children will make a wind sock indoors. Pre-register.

MONDAY NIGHT CRAFT NIGHT
July 7, Mon. at 6pm. Children, ages 10 to 110, skilled or unskilled, are invited to this craft program. For specific craft information call the library. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT MUSIC
July 7, Mon. at 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will decorate a musical instrument to play in their own band. Pre-register.

IN YOUR WILDEST DREAMS
July 9, Wed. at 10:30am or 3pm. Children, in completed grades K and higher, will hear the story of the *Dream Catchers* then make a dream catcher to take home. Pre-register.

SEE YOU LATER ALLIGATOR
July 14, Mon. at 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will make a paper alligator to take home. Pre-register.

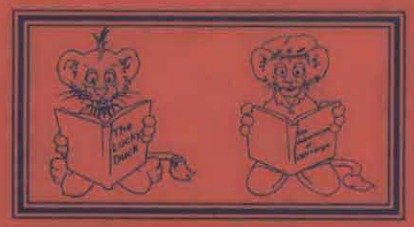
WILD AND CRAZY IN CARTOON LAND
July 16, Wed. at 10:30am or 3pm. Children, in completed grades K and higher, will learn how to draw their own cartoon characters. Pre-register.

S IS FOR SURPRISE
July 21, Mon. at 1:30pm. A librarian from the Dyer-Schererville Branch will visit preschoolers, ages 3 to 5. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT MOTHER EARTH
July 23, Wed. at 1pm. The Enviromobile will visit children, in completed grades K and higher. Depending on the weather, children will play field games using team work, reasoning and problem solving skills. If the weather is bad the program will be moved indoors at the Dyer-Schererville Branch. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT READING CELEBRATION
July 30, Wed. at 10:30am or 3pm. Children who participated in Summer Reading will celebrate with a movie. Popcorn and lemonade will be served. Pre-register.

Let's Stay Wild About Reading!!!



Programs run through August 2

WILD KINGDOM
July 2, Wed. at 2pm. Children, ages 6 and older, will make firefly pictures and hear the story *Fireflies for Nathan*. Pre-register.

WILD FOOD FOR PRESCHOOLERS
July 7, Mon. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will make paint and create a work of art after hearing the story *My Little Sister Ate One Hare*. Children should dress for mess. Pre-register.

WILD FOOD
July 9, Wed. at 2pm. Children, ages 6 and older, will construct a hot dog racer after hearing the story *Me, Dad & Number 6*. Pre-register.

WILD FOOD FOR YOUNG ADULTS
July 11, Fri. at 2pm. Young adults, ages 11 to 14, will make and eat burger bites. Pre-register.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE FOR PRESCHOOLERS
July 14, Mon. at 2pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy the movie *Where the Wild Things Are* and make a special treat to enjoy. Pre-register.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE
July 16, Wed. at 2pm. Children, ages 6 and older, will enjoy the film *Where the Wild Things Are* and make a special treat to enjoy. Pre-register.

DEEP IN THE OCEAN WILD FOR PRESCHOOLERS
July 21, Mon. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will make a paper plate aquarium and hear the story, *The Story of Fidgety Fish*. Pre-register.

DEEP IN THE OCEAN WILD
July 23, Wed. at 2pm. Children, ages 6 and older, will hear the story *Seahorse Reef* and make a seahorse project. Pre-register.

DEEP IN THE OCEAN WILD FOR YOUNG ADULTS
July 25, Fri. at 2pm. Young adults, ages 11 to 14, will make an ocean air freshener. Pre-register.

GET WILD ABOUT READING - SUMMER READING FINALE
July 30, Wed. at 2pm. Children who participated in the Summer Reading Program are invited to the final program. Certificates will be handed out at this time. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *838-2825*
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while they watch a movie. Lemonade and iced tea will be provided. Film may not be of interest to all preschoolers. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. For the specific movie title or to pre-register call the library.

OLD CAMPGROUND
July 22, Tues. at 2pm. Children, ages 4 to 6, will create a picture combining paint, glitter and silhouette forms. Pre-registration begins July 14.

WILD ABOUT REPTILES
July 23, Wed. at 2pm. Children, ages 7 to 10, will hear stories, watch a movie and make a slithery snake. Pre-registration begins July 14.

WAKE UP CALLS
July 24, Thurs. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will make a sunny morning camp scene. Pre-registration begins July 14.

WILD ABOUT FOOD
July 24, Thurs. at 2pm. Children, ages 11 and up, will make their own ice cream and create ice cream sundaes. Children should bring a towel. Pre-registration begins July 14.

WILD STRAWBERRIES
July 29, Tues. at 2pm. Children, ages 4 to 6, will make a mouse headband and enjoy treats made with strawberries. Pre-registration begins July 21.

ENVIROMOBILE
July 30, Wed. at 2pm. The Lake County Waste Management's Enviromobile will visit the library and teach children, ages 7 to 10, about the "Trash to Treasure" program. Pre-registration begins July 21.

FAIRYTALE MAIL
July 31, Thurs. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will make a hat and then collect mail from fairytale friends at the library's mailbox. Pre-registration begins July 21.

SCRIMSHAW
July 31, Thurs. at 2pm. Young adults, ages 11 to 14, will carve a whale soap tooth. Participants should bring a vegetable peeler for shaping the soap. Pre-registration begins July 21.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *374-7121*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

MOVIE DAY AT THE LIBRARY
July 1, Tues. at 2pm. Children, ages 5 to 12, will cool-off in the library with a

movie and popcorn. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY DISPLAY

Between July 1 and 26, photographs of nature may be brought to the library for display. The theme of nature may include the woods, backyard scenes, bugs, flowers, the lake, etc. Patrons will vote on their favorite photograph and three winners will receive a disposable camera. This display is open to children ages 9 to 15. All participants are responsible for retrieving their photographs from the library after July 31.

MOVIE DAY AT THE LIBRARY

July 8, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will cool off from the summer heat in the library with a movie and popcorn. Pre-register.

FAIR FIXIN'S

July 8, Tues. at 2pm. Young adults, ages 11 to 17, will learn how to make elephant ears and lemonade shake-ups. Pre-register.

WILD DRIVERS

July 10, Thurs. at 2pm. Children, ages 5 to 12, will be divided into teams which will design a crazy car out of recycled boxes. A Crazy Car relay race will conclude the program. Pre-register.

WILD CAR RIDE

July 15, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear transportation stories and songs, then make a wild looking vehicle to take home. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT

July 17, Thurs. at 2pm. The Lake County Solid Waste Management's Enviromobile will visit the library to teach children, ages 5 to 12, about the environment with a program called "Trash to Treasure." Pre-register.

CRAFT FAIR

July 22, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will have the opportunity to make a variety of simple crafts. Parents and caregivers are asked to provide assistance. Pre-register.

WILD ABOUT BASEBALL

July 24, Thurs. at 1pm. The mascot from Gary Southshore Railcats, Rusty the Railcat, will visit children, ages 5 to 12, with stories about baseball. Pre-register.

WILD ANIMALS ON PARADE

July 29, Tues. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear stories and sor[illegible]bout wild animals. Participants are invited to bring their favorite

must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration begins June 27.

TODDLERS GET WILD ABOUT PETS

July 14, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories with an animal theme. Children may bring their favorite stuffed animal. Pre-registration begins June 30.

PET SHOW

July 15, Tues. at 1:30pm. Children of all ages are invited to bring their pets or just come to see the outdoor pet show. Pets are required to be on a leash or in a cage. If you don't have a pet you may bring your stuffed animal for a special display. Awards will be given out. Pre-registration begins July 1.

ANIMAL STORIES FOR PRESCHOOLERS

July 16, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear animal stories including *Arthur's Pet Business* then make a simple craft. Pre-registration begins July 2.

WHISTLE STOP CAFE

July 17, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Children, in completed grades 4 or higher, will get wild about books in a discussion of old and new favorites, play book trivia and enjoy refreshments. Pre-registration begins July 3.

TODDLER SUMMERTIME FUN

July 21, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with caregivers, will hear stories about summertime fun, sing songs and then make a simple craft. Pre-registration begins July 7.

ENVIROMOBILE

July 22, Tues. at 1pm or 3pm. The Lake County Solid Waste Management Enviromobile will visit children, in completed grades K or higher. Children will learn about the environment and make an edible landfill. Attendance is limited. Pre-registration begins July 8.

EARTH FRIENDLY TIME FOR PRESCHOOLERS

July 23, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear Earth friendly stories and make a simple craft using recycled materials. Pre-registration begins July 9.

WHISTLE STOP CAFE

July 24, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Children, in completed grades 4 or higher, will get wild about recycling when the Enviromobile returns to show kids how to make recycled items into fun crafts. Pre-registration begins July 10.

BROWN BAG MOVIE

July 25, Fri. at 12:30pm. Children of all ages should bring their lu[illegible] and bever-

stuffed animal. Pre-register.

FINALE PROGRAM

July 31, Thurs. at 2pm. Children of all ages are invited to hear one last story. Light refreshments will be served and reading certificates will be awarded. The winners of the "Wild about Nature" photography display will be announced. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *838-2394*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

July 1, Tues. at 1pm or 3pm. Children, in completed grades K or higher, will celebrate the 4th of July by watching a patriotic film, playing games, and enjoying some refreshments.Pre-registration begins June 17.

PRESCHOOLERS CELEBRATE THE FOURTH OF JULY

July 2, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate our nation's birthday with stories and red, white and blue cake. Pre-registration begins June 18.

TODDLERS GET WILD ABOUT MUSIC

July 7, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear stories including *Jungle Drum*, participate in active songs and create a simple craft. Pre-registration begins June 23.

WILD ABOUT MUSIC

July 8, Tues. at 1pm or 3pm. Children, in completed grades K or higher, will listen to several types of music, make a simple drum and try out some of our rhythm band instruments. Pre-registration begins June 24.

PRESCHOOLERS GET WILD ABOUT MUSIC

July 9, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear the story *The Marvelous Toy*, then march with our rhythm instruments and make an instrument to take home. Pre-registration begins June 25.

WHISTLE STOP CAFE

July 10, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Children, in completed grades 4 or higher, will get wild about Karaoke and Open Mic. Everyone is invited to sign up ahead of time to reserve a turn. Pre-registration begins June 13.

BROWN BAG MOVIES

July 11, Fri. at 12:30pm. Children of all ages should bring their lunch and beverage to eat while they watch *Jungle Book*. Popcorn will be provided. Preschoolers age to eat while they watch *Monsters Inc*. Popcorn will be provided. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration begins July 11.

TODDLERS WILD ABOUT WOLVES

July 28, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear stories, including *Little Goal*, sing songs, then create a simple craft. Pre-registration begins July 14.

BIG RUN WOLF RANCH

July 29, Tues. at 1:30pm. John Basile, of Lockport, Illinois' Big Run Wolf Ranch, will bring a wolf, who is behind the legends and stories. Children will have the opportunity to interact with and learn about these amazing animals. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Program will be held at Main Square Park. Pre-registration begins July 15.

PRESCHOOLERS WILD ABOUT WOLVES

July 30, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories such as *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs*, *Gray Wolf Pup*, and other wolfish stories, then make a simple craft to take home. Pre-registration begins July 16.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *942-2243*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

CINEMA SAFARI

July 3, Thurs. at 2pm. Children, who have completed grades K and higher, should bring a snack to eat while they watch Disney's *Tarzan*. Drinks will be provided. Pre-register.

GREYHOUND GUARDIANS

July 10, Thurs. at 2pm. Greyhound Guardians will visit children, in completed grades K and up, and talk about the animal rescue program. Children will also get an up close look at the greyhounds. Pre-register.

PET ROCKS

July 17, Thurs. at 2pm. Children, who have completed grades K and higher, will create a unique pet rock. Children will need a clean rock, no larger than their hand, to transform into their pet. Pre-register.

CINEMA SAFARI

July 24, Thurs. at 2pm. Children, in completed grades K or higher, should bring

their snack to eat while watching Disney's *The Lion King*. Drinks will be provided. Pre-register.

MEET THE RAILCATS

July 28, Mon. at noon. Players from the Gary Railcats baseball team will visit children, in completed grades K and higher, to talk about the game and answer questions. Pre-register.

PET SHOW

July 31, Thurs. at 2pm. Children are invited to bring their pets for a pet show. Awards will be given in several categories. Pets must be on a leash or in a cage. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *962-2409*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

LAKE STATION FIRE TRUCK

July 9, Wed. at 1:30pm. The Lake Station Fire Department will bring their fire truck for children to tour. Children should dress to get wet from the fire truck's hose. Pre-register.

ALL ABOUT NATURE

July 16, Wed. at 1:30pm. Children, in completed grades K and higher, will take a tour outdoors to learn more about a variety of animals, birds, plants and the Ecosystem. They will also create their own nature artwork. Pre-register.

MOVIE DAY

July 23, Wed. at 1:30pm. Children, in completed grades K and higher, will watch several short movies, including some skateboard and surfboarding clips. Pre-register.

FREE FOR ALL ART DAY

July 30, Wed. at 1:30pm. Children, in completed grades K and higher, will use supplies from the library to create their own artwork. They can create notebook covers, draw pictures or create anything they can dream of. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *962-2421*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

RED, WHITE AND BLUE

July 1, Tues. 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will decorate paper flags and play

SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN WILD ABOUT OUR COUNTRY

July 2, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. School age children, in grades K and higher, will enjoy stories, music, crafts and other activities about our country. Pre-registration begins June 2.

VOLUNTEER'S PIZZA, ICE CREAM, SIGN-UP PARTY

July 3, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Children, who have completed 4th grade and higher, who would like to volunteer in July should attend this meeting. Children should bring a calendar to schedule their shifts. Pizza and ice cream will be provided. Pre-registration begins June 26.

TODDLERS WILD ABOUT LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS - OH MY!

July 14, Mon. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, will enjoy special stories, music, crafts and other activities. Pre-registration begins July 1.

PRESCHOOLERS WILD ABOUT LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS - OH MY!

July 15, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy special stories, music, crafts and other activities. Pre-registration begins July 1.

SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN WILD ABOUT LIONS AND TIGERS AND BEARS -OH MY!

July 16, Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Children, in grades K and higher, will enjoy special stories, crafts, games and other activities. Pre-registration begins July 1.

TODDLERS WILD ABOUT FROGS

July 21, Mon. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will enjoy special stories, music, crafts and other activities. Pre-registration begins July 1.

PRESCHOOLERS WILD ABOUT FROGS

July 22, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy special stories, music, crafts and other activities. Pre-registration begins July 1.

SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN WILD ABOUT FROGS

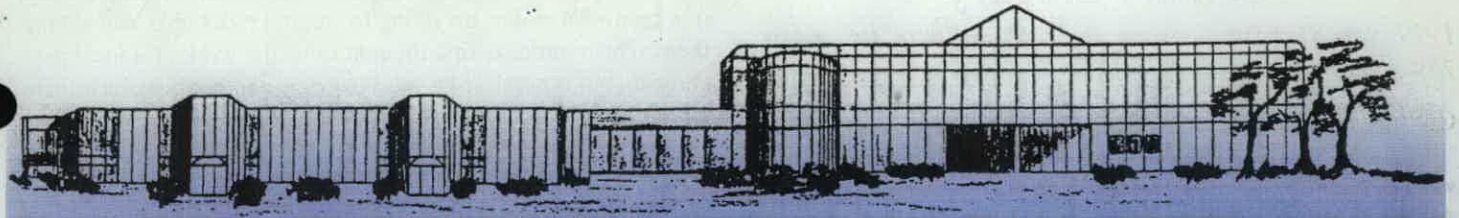
July 23, Wed. at 10:30am, 1:30pm. Children, in grades K and higher, will enjoy special stories, crafts, games and other activities. Pre- registration begins July 1.

MOVIE DATE

July 24, Thurs. at 2pm. Children of all ages will enjoy a movie. For the specific movie title please call the library. Pre-registration is not necessary.

TODDLERS WILD AND CRAZY WEEK

July 28, Mon. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will enjoy special stories, music, crafts and other activities. Pre-registration begins July 1.



LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The Meaning of Literacy

Literate . . . educated, cultured able to read and write . . .
Webster's Collegiate Dictionary 10th ed.

A simple adjective that packs a lot of power. A word that effects each and every man, woman and child. A word that gives power, status, implies intelligence, competency, opportunity or refinement. An adjective when used to describe an individual evokes pride, satisfaction and accomplishment. When used in negative terms to describe someone evokes shame, despair or failure. We all seek the state of being a literate person. From our very birth, our parents, grandparents and extended family members work with us individually and collectively to achieve the adjective literate next to our name. Some of us succeed, becoming stars in the literate world while others struggle. The power of being literate is increasing in today's knowledge based society. The Lake County Public Library offers many programs designed to assist adults and children to become literate citizens.

LCPL's Volunteer Literacy Program has been in existence since 1986

The Lake County Public Library Literacy Program is one of these programs. It is a volunteer based program that has been in existence since 1986. It assists adults with learning problems in reading and adults learning English as a Second Language. In the last two years, our volunteers have helped 150 students improve their ability to read, speak and write English. The Literacy Program provides the following services free of charge:

Tutor Training – For all those interested in tutoring someone with a skills problem.

English as a Second Language Class – Conversation classes for those learning English as a Second Language. Classes are currently offered in Merrillville and in New Chicago.

TOEFL Test Preparation – Class for those needing to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language. Test necessary for admission to higher education.

Citizenship Orientation – A partnership with the International Institute of Northwest Indiana to introduce the process for becoming a United States Citizen.

Special Collection of Materials for Student and Teachers/Tutors – These resources are a part of a special collection that includes books, cassettes and videos. All of these materials are available for checkout.

FALL CLASS SCHEDULE:

Classes for English as a Second Language students will start September 2 at the New Chicago branch and on September 8 at the Central library in Merrillville. For more information about fall classes contact your branch library or Sharon Ball, Literacy Program Community Resources Coordinator at 219-769-3541 ext. 309 or e-mail sball@lakeco.lib.in.us.

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"Adopt a Shelf" program. Volunteers are needed to help keep the books neatly arranged and in correct Dewey Decimal order. You may pick your favorite area. Only 1 ½ hours per week of your time is needed. Training will be provided. For more information, call Sharon Ball at 219-769-3541 ext. 309 or sball@lakeco.lib.in.us.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave., *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

GREAT DECISIONS

Aug. 12, 26, Tues. at 6:30 p.m. Interested participants are invited to a monthly discussion group designed by the Foreign Policy Association. This month's topic is "International Food Wars: Growing Controversies. Materials for discussions will be provided. Articles are copied from booklet. Fee of $2 covers the cost of the photocopied material. Pre-register, ext. 315.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Aug. 12, Tues, 7 p.m., main entrance. Author, Sally Benson, will be on hand to sign copies of her romance novel, *The Pop Star*. In this book, she gives the reader an inside look at the life of a recording artist who is trying to live a quiet, normal life in the midst of the tumultuous entertainment business. Sally Benson is from Northwest Indiana and is a graduate of Purdue University. Pre-registration is not required. Questions, call PR at 769-3541 ext. 315.

GARDENING SERIES - FLORAL ARRANGING

Aug. 19, Tues. at 7 p.m. This month's topic will be presented by Mike Mathis of Lamprecht Floral and Greenhouse. Co-sponsored by the Purdue Univ. Cooperative Extension Service featuring the Speakers Bureau of the Lake Co. Master Gardeners Program. Master Gardeners can achieve advanced hours by attending any of these programs. Pre-register.

HEALTH & SAFETY FAIR

Aug. 22, Friday, 9:30-1 p.m. Approximately 18 health care providers will be on hand to provide education and screenings in the lower level meeting rooms. Blood screenings will begin at 9 a.m. when the library opens and will be provided by Purdue University Calumet Wellness Center. For exact details regarding tests and cost, contact the Public Relations department at 219-769-3541 ext. 315. Merrillville police officers and firefighters will be in the back parking lot to meet with families. Children can check out the EDITH House vehicle (exit drills for the house), a squad car and an ATV.

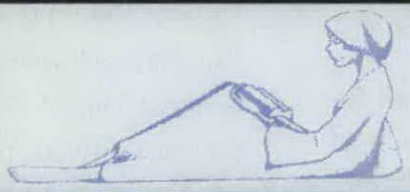
MYSTERY LOVES COMPANY BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 26, Tues. at noon. Interested readers are invited to join the discussion of *Booked to Die* by John Dunning. Cliff Janeway, a Denver cop and rare book collector is confronted with the murder of a bum who makes his living by getting rare books and selling them. This murder is first thought to be the work of a local psychopath, but is possible he was beaten by another bum, or is there more to this murder than first realized? Pre-register, ext. 336.

CORPORATIONS/PARTNERSHIPS/LLC

Aug. 29, Fri. at 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The IRS will present this workshop covering the forming of the entities of a C-corporation, S-corporation, Partnerships and Limited Liabilities Companies. The tax forms to complete are covered, along with a discussion of the business expenses allowed, such as salaries and commissions, vehicle expenses, travel and entertainment, and other miscellaneous expenses. Pre-register, ext. 334.

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Calumet Township

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings **@your library.**

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 11, Mon. at 12:30 p.m. Readers are invited to join in the discussion of *Proof* by Dick Francis. Widowed young wine merchant Tony Beach is called on to use his wine-tasting expertise to substantiate a liquor scam. What starts out as merely a way to fill the empty hours becomes a scramble to avoid death. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 4, Mon. from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Unity Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 20, Wed. at 7 p.m. Readers may join in the discussion of *Horse Heaven* by Jane Smiley. Almost anything can happen at the racetrack, and it does in Smiley's novel; joy and love, chicanery, folly, greed and derring-do. Pre-register.

MEET THE MOUSE

Aug. 27, Wed. at 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. This computer class is for people will little or no computer skills. Participants will learn how

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: A patron asked, "My doctor is no longer listed in the phone book. He used to practice in Highland and the last time that I went to him was around 1997. Do you know where he is now?"

A: We used older phone directories that can be found in the Indiana Room. From those books, it was determined that he was not listed in the local directories after 1998. A search of The Times newspaper website for that period showed that the doctor had passed away earlier that year.

to move the mouse, click and important parts of the keyboard. Pre-register beginning August 11.

BASIC WINDOWS

Aug. 27, Wed. at 6:30 p.m to 8 p.m. This computer class is for beginners to teach how to use a mouse, opening and closing programs, minimizing, etc. Pre-register beginning August 11.

NAVIGATING THE NET

Aug. 28, Thurs. at 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. At this computer class participants will learn how to use search engines to research the Internet. Knowledge of basic windows is required. Pre-register beginning August 11.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

BOOKS AND CHAT

Aug. 19, Tues. at 2 p.m. or Aug. 20, Wed. at 6:30pm. Readers are invited to join the discussion of *Final Storm* by Lewis Walton. The Dow was at all time high; the world was at peace; then a series of crises left people jobless and frightened. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING TOWN

Aug. 26, Tues. at 2 p.m. Travelers will enjoy this video tribute to trains and how for over 100 years, passenger trains in America were the link to the outside world. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

Highland Branch ...continued

ONE ON ONE COMPUTER TRAINING

During August, appointments for one on one computer assistance with Microsoft Word, Excel, WebPAC and basic Internet is available at various times. To schedule an appointment, call the library.

HISTORY VIDEO SERIES

Aug. 4, Mon. at 1:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. This month's video is Aztec's *Inside the Hidden Empire*. Beneath modern-day Mexico City lies the once-glorious remains of the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan. They are best known for their reliance on human science and violent conquest to control their world. Refreshments will be served. Video shown on large screen display. Pre-register.

WOMEN'S LITERATURE DISCUSSION GROUP

Aug. 6, 13, 27, Sep. 10, Wed. at 7 p. m. Jane E. Coleman, Highland resident and former Adjunct Professor at IU Northwest and Purdue North Central, will lead a 4 week discussion of women's literature. For the first week, Jane will be defining women's literature and lead a discussion of a short stories and essays. The following weeks will include discussing the works of Kate Chopin, Toni Morrison and Carol Shields. Copies of the books and essays available at branch. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 12, Tues. at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. Readers are invited to join the discussion of *The Last Time They Met* by Anita Shreve. From the last time Linda and Thomas meet, at a hotel in a distant city, to the moment, 35 years earlier, when a chance encounter binds them fatefully together, this compelling novel unfolds a tale of intense drama. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 13, Wed. from 10 a.m. to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB

Aug. 14, Thurs. at 10:30 a.m. At this month's club meeting a local chef will use fruit carving techniques to create a beautiful summer fruit centerpiece. Co-sponsored with Sand Ridge Bank. Pre-register by calling the bank at 972-7317.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS :
PUERTO RICO & THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

Aug. 18, Mon. at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. Travelers will visit the port of Charlotte Amalie, historic Fort Christian, the island of St. Croix and Old San Ivan and the El Morro fortress on Puerto Rico. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Aug. 25, Mon. at 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. On the screen this month is *High Society*, a musical remake of *The Philadelphia Story*. A rich man tries to win back his engaged wife before she marries. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 28, Thurs. at 7 p.m. Readers are invited to the discussion of

Highland Branch ...continued

Flashpoint by Linda Barnes. Boston PI Carlotta thinks she's doing a simple favor for a friend when she agrees to burglarproof an elderly recluse's apartment. But 24 hours later, the woman turns up dead and Carlotta is left with a lot of questions. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR SEPTEMBER MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

The September title for discussion, *In the Heat of the Night*, may be picked up during library hours after August 28, 2003. Discussion will be held September 25, 2003 at 7 p. m.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ON THE ROAD AGAIN ... TO CHINA

Aug. 6, Wed. at 7 p.m. Travelers will visit the Far East, via large screen TV, to see incredible landmarks such as the Great Wall, the Peking Opera, the Forbidden City and more. Pre-register.

AFTERNOON BOOK CHAT

Aug. 19, Tues. at 2 p.m. Interested readers are invited to join in the discussion of *Gardens of Kyoto* by Kate Walbert. A middle-aged narrator looks back on her youth in mid-twentieth century America, recalling first loves and terrible losses. Pre-register.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Aug. 20, Wed. at 6 p.m. Adults of all ages are invited to challenge their Scrabble techniques and vocabulary skills at a monthly match. Attendance is limited. Pre-register beginning July 1.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 21, Thurs. from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

SATURDAY CINEMATHERAPY

Aug. 23, Sat. at 2 p.m. This month's movie screening features *The Philadelphia Story* starring Cary Grant, Katherine Hepburn and James Stewart. A down-to-earth newspaper man takes on the rich and spoiled in this romantic farce. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 8, Fri. from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. A retired nurse will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

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WilsonWeb contains one of the Library's most popular databases, *Biographies Plus Illustrated*. Here patrons can find information on over 111,000 notable people including obituaries and photographs. The information in *Biographies Plus* Illustrated is from such print sources as *Current Biography* and over 100 additional print sources. The biographies can be printed, saved to disk, or e-mailed. Resident patrons can use their Internet connection, library card and personal identification number (PIN) to access *WilsonWeb* from home. The database can be searched multiple ways including by name, gender and profession. So, the next time you're looking for a female scientist from Indiana, try *WilsonWeb* and *Biographies Plus Illustrated*.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR SEPTEMBER'S BOOK CHAT

The September title for discussion, *Four Letters of Love* by Niall Williams, may be picked up after August 19, 2003. The discussion will be held on September 2, 2003.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

SCRABBLE CLUB

Aug. 26, Tues. at 1 p.m. Adults of all ages are invited to challenge their Scrabble techniques and vocabulary skills at this monthly match. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

ON THE BIG SCREEN

Aug. 11, Mon. at 1:30 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. This month's film noir classic is *The Third Man*. An American writer of pulp westerns arrives in post-war Vienna to take a job with an old friend, but discovers he has been murdered. Or has he? The film stars Joseph Cotten and Orson Welles. Pre-register.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Aug. 15, Fri. at 1:30 p.m. Readers are invited to the discussion of

Munster Branch ...continued

Moon Tiger by Penelope Lively. Elderly Claudia Hampton is dying, but she is also writing her last book, a history of the world. She recalls her life of adventure and excitement while the people close to her file past her hospital bed and her mind. Pre-register.

EXPLORE EGYPT

Aug. 21, Thurs. at 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. Interested travelers will journey through Egypt and the Valley of the Nile River, a world of mysteries and monuments. Discover the color and magic of Cairo, the largest city in Africa, with its fascinating blend of the ancient and the modern via large screen TV. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Aug. 28, Thurs. from 10 a.m. to noon. A representative from Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Aug. 28, Thurs. at 7 p.m. This month's discussion will focus on Graham Greene's classic novel, *The Power and the Glory*. For more information call the library.

St. John Township

DO YOU SURF? @ your library

Indiana State Fair – www.in.gov/statefair/
The Indiana State Fair takes place August 6-17, 2003 in Indianapolis. This site presents all the information one needs to know about the fair including tickets, parking, food, entertainment, schedules, exhibits and history.

Social Security Online – www.socialsecurity.gov
This is the official site of the Social Security Administration which offers news about retirement, disability and survivor's benefits and Supplemental Security Income. Features include a retirement planner and the opportunity to apply online for benefits.

Lewis and Clark Bicentennial – www.lewisandclark200.org
From 2003 to 2006, our nation will observe the bicentennial of Lewis and Clark's journey. A huge network of communities, tribes, states, federal agencies and organizations are involved. Learn more about the observance and what activities will take place all across the country during the next 4 years.

CEO Express – www.ceoexpress.com
This website is billed as the "executive's interface to the Internet," yet it's more than that. Sure, it has links to stock quotes and investing, but it also has links to airline companies, car reviews, various types of calculators, web browsers, quotations, movie reviews and much more.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

TUESDAY CROSS STITCHERS

Aug. 8, Fri. at 6:30 p.m. Interested cross-stitchers are invited to an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Participants can get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitching magazines and books. Pre-register.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY TO GREECE

Aug. 27, Wed. at 7 p.m. See the Acropolis and the Parthenon; tour Athens and the island of Chios, witness an ancient fire-walking festival and visit the monasteries of Meteora via large-screen video. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Aug. 28, Thurs. at 10:15 a.m. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Julie and Romeo* by Jeanne Ray. Meet the Cacciamanis and the Rosemans, rival florists and bitter enemies for as long as either family can remember, until the day when divorced Julie Roseman and widowed Romeo Cacciamani meet by chance at a business seminar. Ray's light, romantic comedy is perfect summer reading fare. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

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Our Very Own Assistant Director, **Ana Grandfield** received the Merrillville Rotary Club's **Paul Harris Award For Extraordinary Services.**

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RED CROSS BABYSITTING TRAINING

Aug. 11, 12, Mon. and Tues. at 1pm to 4:45pm. Young adults, ages 11 to 15, will learn to care for infants and young children, to make decisions in emergency situations, and keep themselves and children safe. Both classes must be attended in order to receive a certificate. Fee of $23 must be paid at the time of registration. For more information call the library at ext. 360.



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Children's Programming
AUGUST 2003



Calumet Township

Black Oak Branch

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary *844-8809*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

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Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary *980-5180*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

Call the Forty-First Branch for more information about Happenings **@your library.**

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *838-2825*
www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm

COMEDY CORNER

Aug. 5, Tues. at 7pm. Young adults, ages 15 and older, will see a classic comedy. Pre-registration begins July 28.

ENVIROMOBILE

Aug. 6, Wed. at 2pm. The Lake County Waste Management's Enviromobile will visit the library and teach children, ages 7 to 10, about the Trash to Treasure program. Pre-registration begins July 21.

CUPCAKE BINGO

Aug. 7, Thurs. at 2pm. All Summer Reading participants will receive a certificate of participation at this program. Special prizes will be awarded and a marathon bingo game will be played. Pre-registration begins July 28.

WILD ABOUT THE MOVIES

Aug. 13, Wed. at 2pm. Children, ages 2 and older, should bring a snack to eat while they watch a movie. Lemonade and iced tea will be provided. Film may not be of interest to all preschoolers. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. For the specific movie title or to pre-register call the library.

JAZZY DANGLERS

Aug 28, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children, in completed grades K and higher, will make a beaded dangler for their backpack. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *374-7121*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

Call the Cedar Lake Branch for more information about Happenings **@your library.**

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *838-2394*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

SUMMER READING PICNIC

Aug. 1, Fri. at 12:30pm. Children who participated in the Summer Read-

ing Program are invited to bring a lunch to the Main Square Gazebo for the annual closing day picnic. Pre-registration is not required for this program.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *942-2243*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

RED CROSS BABYSITTING

Aug. 4, Mon. at 1pm to 4pm and Aug. 5, Tues. at 1pm to 4:30pm. Certified Red Cross instructors will conduct a baby- sitting course for children, ages 11 and older. A fee of $23 must be paid at the time of registration. Both classes must be attended. Interested children must pre-register beginning July 7. Registration deadline is July 28, 2003.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *962-2409*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

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New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *962-2421*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

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Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *836-8450*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

LIONEL MODULAR TRAIN CLUB

Aug. 2, Sat. from 10am to 4pm. The Lionel Modular Train Club is back

by popular demand. All ages are invited to visit the library to see the special display.

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE

Aug. 4, Mon. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Children of all ages are invited to the play *"Where the Wild Things Are."* Preschoolers must be accompanied by and adult.

AWARDS AND APPRECIATION CEREMONY

Aug. 5, Tues. at 1:30pm. Summer Reading participants and Summer Reading volunteers are invited to this awards ceremony. Refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is not necessary.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE

Aug. 6, 7, 8, Wed., Thurs., Fri., at 9am to noon or 1pm to 4pm. This Red Cross Babysitting Course is for students ages 11 and older, boys or girls. Students must attend all three sessions to be certified. Course will cover responsibilities, first aid, basic business practices, care of infants, toys and games, putting together a basic babysitting kit and writing a resume. Birth certificate must be provided at the time of registration, along with the fee of $23.

WEE ONES

Aug. 13, 27, Wed. at 10:30am. Infants, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, music, finger plays, nursery rhymes and toys.

St. John Township

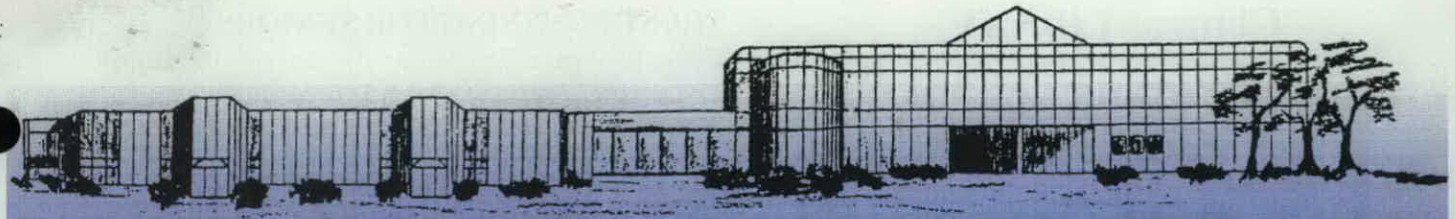
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Dyer-Schererville Branch

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322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave. *365-5379*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm



LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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BACK TO SCHOOL

at the Calumet Township Branches

The last of the summer vacations are over, the sand has been swept from the car, and book bags take up the space once crowded with wet swimsuits.

Time, and past time, to read those books you were assigned last spring. And, for a very short time, it may be quiet enough without the pitter-pat of wet little feet for Mom and Dad to read that beach book that they never got to.

√ it out!
LCPL library branches are planning regular monthly programs.

Have you seen the latest Oprah book? Or, maybe you want to check out our Chilton's manuals before we have to think about snow. Have you read the Caldecott award winner for the best picture book of the year to your children? (*My Friend Rabbit* by Eric Rohman). Or, how about the Newberry award winner for the best children's book of the year? (*Crispin; the Cross of Lead* by Avi).

The libraries are getting ready for school too. Soon, we'll be visiting classes at school and welcoming classes coming to visit us. Regular, monthly programs for school-age children are planned at all libraries – but you know that because you're reading the *Happenings.*

And for those not ready for school, the six-week Preschool Story (PSSH) for 3 to 5 year olds is about to start. Black Oak Branch has PSSH on Tuesdays. Forty-First Avenue Branch has PSSH on Mondays. Griffith Branch offers PSSH on Mondays and Tuesdays. Check out the Children's insert for specific times.

NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

The month of September has been designated as "National Library Card Sign-up Month. A committee has been working on a celebration for many months and the program theme is "Cool Kids Have a Library Card." The program includes four components:

- The Children's librarians or other staff will visit each school and bring applications to each class, read stories to the 1st grade classes and encourage the children to sign-up for and use their library card.
- Ronald McDonald will visit the Central library on Thursday, September 4. This event will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the lower level meeting rooms.
- A raffle will be held at each branch for participating 1st graders who shows their library card. They will choose a smiley face prize and receive a raffle

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Preschool Story Hour, for ages 3 to 5, will be held September 22 through October 31 at all locations. Check the Children's Happenings insert for specific days and times.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Sept. 3, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Beginning users of the computer will learn how to hold, move and click a mouse. Pre-register beginning August 15th, extension 346.

JOHN DILLINGER PROGRAM

Sept. 3, Wed. at 7pm. David Jones, English Professor and John Dillinger expert, will talk about Dillinger's life. Jones has visited places such as the street of Dillinger's birth in Indianapolis, the bank he robbed in East Chicago, and inside the jail he escaped from in Crown Point. He owns the FBI file on Dillinger's death, has held the Tommy gun Dillinger stole from the Lake County Police and has been in touch with present-day members of the Dillinger family, as well as has interviewed a person whose family hid and fed Dillinger. Pre-register, ext. 317.

MUSIC OF THE 60'S

Sept. 9, Tues. at 7pm. Jim Wright will share his knowledge of music of the 60's, including garage bands and one hit wonders. Time permitting, Jim and another musician, Scott Conner, will perform songs of the 50's, 60's and 70's. Come share your garage band music nostalgia stories. Pre-register, ext. 317.

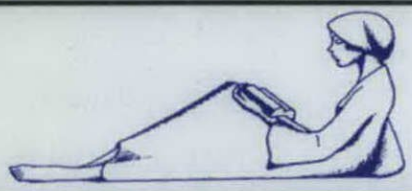
GREAT DECISIONS

Sept. 9, Tues. at 6:30pm. Interested participants are invited to a monthly discussion group designed by the Foreign Policy Association. This month's topic is "China in Transition: Is Real Change Imminent?" Materials for discussions will be provided. Fee for new registrants is $5. Pre-register, ext. 315.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Sept. 10, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This class is for the next step for the beginner. Participants will learn about Windows and computer terminology. Pre-register beginning August 15th, extension 346.

READER'S ADVISORY@ your library



SPORTS READS

Games and players in fact and fiction

TRUST PLANNING FOR SENIORS

Sept. 10, Wed. at 2pm. Financial Consultant, Bill Hamer, along with a representative of Geisen Funeral Home, will provide an informative discussion of trust planning. Pre-register, ext. 317.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 11, Thurs. at 6pm. Readers are invited to a discussion of *Dancing at the Rascal Fair* by Ivan Doig. Doig's novel describes the settlement of Montana between 1890 and 1910, through stories of two best friends who have immigrated from Scotland, their friends and families, as they struggle for survival in the beautiful but rugged "big sky" country. Pre-register, ext. 340.

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Sept. 12, Fri. at 10am. This month's club meeting will feature "Reversed Mortgages" presented by Bonnie Cook, Loan Originator and Robert Boland, Vice President of Centier Mortgage Department. Blood pressure screening will be available from 9:30am to 11:30am. Co-sponsored by Centier Bank. For more information call the library at extension 317.

HOW TO START A BUSINESS

Sept. 16, Tues. at 1pm to 5pm. The Small Business Development Center will present this workshop. Fees are $25 in advance; $30 at the door. Pre-register by calling SBDC at 219-762-1696.

GARDENING SERIES

Sept. 16, Tues. at 7pm. This month's topic, "Managing and Controlling Garden and Landscape Pests with Fewer Insecticides" is presented by Dr. Cliff Sadof, Purdue Garden Pest Expert and Professor of Entomology at Purdue University West Lafayette. Co-sponsored by Purdue Univ. Cooperative Extension featuring the Speakers Bureau of the Lake Co. Master Gardeners Program. Master Gardeners can achieve advanced training hours by attending any of these program. Pre-register, ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Sept. 17, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Interested computer users will explore the library's homepage and learn about the Web. Pre-register beginning August 15th, extension 346.

STARTING A BUSINESS AND RECORD KEEPING

Sept. 19, Fri. at 9:30am to 5pm. The IRS will present this workshop for interested participants. Topics covered include various types of entities, as well as the tax forms completed for each entity type. Rules and guidelines will be covered, regarding business income, deductible expenses such as vehicle expenses, travel and entertainment, business use of home, as well as keeping records for both income and expenses. Pre-register, ext. 334.

ROMANCE WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Sept. 20, Sat. at 10am to 11:30am and 1pm to 3:30pm. The NWI Romance Writer's of America Chapter 89, will hold their annual workshop. The morning's topic will be "Painless Revisions." The afternoon session will feature Lindsay Longford, author of *Lover in the Shadows*, who will present "So You Want to Write a Book

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: A patron asked, "How can one stop receiving junk or unsolicited email?"

A: to reduce the amount of unsolicited e-mail, send your email address to the Direct Marketing Association (DMA) at **www.the-dma.org/consumers/optoutform_emps.shtml**.
This organization will put your address on a do-not-call list for web marketers. Members of DMA must purge their databases of the personal e-mail addresses. Business e-mail addresses do not apply.
Telephone numbers and postal mailing addresses can also be put on the Direct Marketing Association's do-not-contact lists.

and Other 'Little' Life Decisions." There will be time for questions and interaction with the author and members of Chapter 89. Participants may bring a lunch to eat in or may leave for lunch. Pre-register, ext. 315, for either session or for both.

MYSTERY LOVES COMPANY

Sept. 23, Tues. at noon. Interested readers are invited to join the discussion of *The Spy Who Came in From the Cold* by John LeCarre. Alec Leama, a burned out spy in trouble, heads back to London in disgrace and expecting to be fired. Yet, he ends up with a special assignment that revels more than anyone expected. Leamas is even asked by his enemies to work with them. Only time will tell who are truly the double agents and who are the good guys in this tale of espionage. Pre-register, ext. 336.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

Sept. 23, Tues. at 7pm. Nancy Rieken, Catalyst Literary Journal Editor, will talk about the ins and outs of publishing. Pre-register, ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: NO SWEAT RESUMES AT YOUR LIBRARY

Sept. 24, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Interested participants will learn how to create a resume using WinWay Resume program. Attendance is limited. Pre-registration begins August 15th, ext. 346.

Calumet Township

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings **@your library.**

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 8, Mon. at 12:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Silver Ghost* by Charlotte MacLeod. Sarah Kelling's eccentric family again draws her and her husband, Max Bittersohn, into a murderous tangle. During the Renaissance Revel, a 1928 New Phantom Rolls Royce disappears. Then the gatekeeper is killed and another vintage Rolls, a silver ghost, disappears. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm*

NAVIGATING THE NET

Sept. 3, Wed. at 6pm. At this computer class participants will learn how to use search engines to research the Internet. Knowledge of basic windows is required. Pre-register beginning August 11.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 8, Mon. from 10am to 11:30am. Unity Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

PRE-PAID LEGAL SERVICES

Sept. 8, Mon. at 7pm. A representative from Pre-Paid Legal Services will show a short video and will discuss questions and answers regarding legal insurance availability to those who may not otherwise be able to afford consultation and representation. Pre-register.

INVEST SUCCESSFULLY IN TODAY'S WORLD

Sept. 10, Wed. at 1pm or Oct. 8, Wed. at 1pm. A representative from Peerson & Company will teach participants about the different kinds of investments and strategies, risk level, asset allocation and how to avoid common mistakes made by investors. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 17, Wed. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *A Prayer for the Dying* by Stewart O'Nan. Friendship, Wisconsin, in summer just after the Civil War is quiet and pleasant until one neighbor after another succumbs to a creeping, always fatal disease. Jacob Hansen, sheriff, undertaker and pastor, struggles to deal with death, the dying and the living. Pre-register.

ANTIQUE APPRAISALS

Sept. 25, Thurs. at 7pm. Axel Bergum, of Sampler Square in Griffith, will discuss antique values and collecting. Participants may bring one item for appraisal. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

BOOKS AND CHAT

Sept. 16, Tues. at 2pm or Sep. 17, Wed. at 6:30pm. Readers are invited to join the discussion of *Bridget Jones's Diary* by Helen Fielding. Fielding shows the struggle between single and married friends in this laugh-out-loud diary of Bridget Jones, a single thirty-something on a permanent doomed quest for self-improvement. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Sept. 23, Tues. at 2pm. Interested travelers will learn about the history of the mighty Mississippi from prehistoric times through the War of 1812 and the steamboat era to the 20th century, via large screen TV. Pre-register.

BEGINNING KNITTING

Sept. 24, Wed. at 7pm. Interested participants should bring their regular size yarn and size 7 or 8 needles to learn the basics of knitting, work on current projects and meet other knitters in the area. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

VIDEO HISTORY SERIES

Sept. 8, Mon. at 1:30pm or 7pm. This month's video, shown on a large screen TV, is *Maya Temples, Tombs and Time* which shows the recent breakthroughs in deciphering Maya glyphs and archeological discoveries, to take a new look at the Maya, now widely considered to have been the most brilliant and advanced indigenous people of the Americas. Pre-register.

the Staff Recommends@ your library

A Game of Thrones
by George R.R. Martin
"The first volume of a terrific fantasy series by a writer who allows his characters to develop and his plots to thicken."

The Cowboy and His Elephant:
the Story of a Remarkable Friendship
by Malcolm MacPherson
"A delightful book – you'll fall in love with Amy, just as Bob Norris did."

Blue Lessons
by Robert Hellenga
"From a small town in Michigan to Chicago and the blues. Family, race and music in an unusual tale."

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 9, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Atonement* by Ian McEwan. A young girl's desperate lie regarding an incident that takes place in 1935 at a country estate changes the lives of three people forever. Many years later there is a reunion of the three and an attempt at reconciliation. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 10, Wed. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

WOMEN'S LITERATURE DISCUSSION GROUP

Sept. 10, Wed. at 7pm. Jane E. Coleman, Highland resident and former Adjunct Professor at IU Northwest and Purdue North Central, will lead a 4 week discussion of women's literature. For the first week, Jane will be defining women's literature and lead a discussion of a short story and essay. The following weeks will include discussing the works of Kate Chopin, Toni Morrison and Carol Shields. Pre-register. Copies of the books and essays available at branch.

SAND RIDGE BANK MORNING CLUB

Sept. 11, Thurs. at 10:30am. This month's club meeting's topic is "Historic Preservation in Indiana." Historic Landmarks Foundation in Indiana, the largest local or statewide preservation group in the U.S., saves endangered landmarks, restores buildings and revitalizes historic neighborhoods. This program will highlight the goals and projects of the Foundation. Co-sponsored by Sand Ridge Bank. Pre-register by calling the bank at 972-7317.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Sept. 15, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Armchair travelers will enjoy *Malaysia and Southern Thailand,* via large screen TV. Modern Malaysia is a brilliant mix of different cultures - Malay, Chinese and Indian. It has some of the oldest rainforests, bordered by the beautiful beaches of Southern Thailand. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Sept. 22, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. On the screen this month is *Shop Around the Corner* starring James Stewart. Feuding clerks in a small shop find love in a lonely hearts club. Pre-register.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVING SEMINAR

Sept. 24, Wed. at 7pm. Leslie Miles, who has worked in the field of Alzheimer's Disease, will present this program to discuss the latest treatment for individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease. She will also talk about creative care giving techniques, including behavior intervention strategies. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Sep. 25, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *In the Heat of the Night* by John Ball. The murder of a noted orchestra conductor pits, black, big-city homicide expert Virgil Tibbs against the bigoted police department in a small southern town, when they are forced to join forces to solve the crime. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR OCTOBER BOOK DISCUSSION

The October title for discussion, *Trust*, will be available for pickup after September 25. The discussion will be held October 23 at 7pm.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Sept. 29, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. Interested movie goers will enjoy *Foul Play* starring Goldie Hawn and Chevy Chase. A librarian works together with a San Francisco Detective to expose a plot to kill the Pope. Pre-register.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ONE ON ONE COMPUTER ASSISTANCE

Personalized tutoring sessions with Microsoft Word, Excel, basic Internet and WebPAC are available. Call the library to schedule an appointment.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN ... TO RUSSIA

Sept. 3, Wed. at 7pm. Interested travelers will visit the historical sites of Moscow, St. Petersburg and the Kremlin before flying onto the Arctic Circle and the port of Murmansk, via large screen TV. Pre-register.

REVERSE MORTGAGE

Sept. 10, Wed. at 2pm. Matthew Fleszewski, a Reverse Mortgage Specialist of Financial Freedom, will discuss the details of having a reverse mortgage if you are at least 62 years of age. Pre-register.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Sept. 11, Thurs. at 6pm. Beginner and advanced scrabblers are invited to challenge their Scrabble techniques and vocabulary skills at our monthly match. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 18, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

MEET THE MOUSE

Sept. 13, Sat. at 10am. This computer class is for beginners to teach how to hold, move and click a mouse, as well as review essential parts of a computer including common terminology. Attendance is limited. Pre-register beginning August 25.

HOBART HANDICRAFTERS

Sept. 15, Mon. at 6pm. Scrapbookers and crafters are invited to an evening of relaxation and fun. Participants can work on projects, share ideas view the latest craft books and magazines. For more information call the library.

EVENING BOOK CHAT

Sept. 16, Tues. at 7pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *The Nautical Chart* by Arturo Perez-Reverte. The book centers on a former merchant marine officer who is unemployable because he followed his captains orders instead of his own instincts, which failed to prevent an accident. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR OCTOBER BOOK CHAT

The title for October's book discussion is *Ella Minnow Pea: A Novel in Letters* by Mark Dunn. Books will be available for checkout after September 16. The discussion will be held October 21.

ELECTRONIC DATABASES FOR TEENS AND ADULTS

Sept. 17, Wed. at 6pm. Participants will discover the library's electronic databases through a hands on course. The class will cover

Encyclopedia Britanica, Health and Wellness Resource Center, Reference USA and more, including how to access these databases from home. Attendance is limited. Pre-register beginning September 1.

BASIC WINDOWS

Sept. 18, Thurs. at 6pm. This computer class is the next step for beginning computer users. Participants will learn about the keyboard, Windows setup, word processing and finding help. Attendance is limited. Pre-register beginning September 1.

NAVIGATING THE NET

Sept. 20, Sat. at 11am. Interested participants will explore the library's home page, while learning about Web addresses, links, search aspects and other aspects of the World Wide Web. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 12, Fri. from 12:30pm to 2pm. A retired nurse will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

DO YOU SURF? @ your library

National Constitution Center – www.constitiutioncenter.org

On July 4th of this year, the National Constitution Center located in Philadelphia opened its doors. It is the first museum in the world dedicated to honoring and explaining the U.S. Constitution, using more than 100 interactive and multimedia exhibits, photographs, sculpture, text, film, and artifacts.

U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps – www.seacadets.org

In 1958, the Navy League of the United States established a program for youths who are interested in the Navy, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Merchant Marine. The Sea Cadet Corps is strictly for boys and girls ages 13-17 and this website presents the objectives, benefits and details of the program.

Orphan Train Collection – www.orphantrainriders.com

A forgotten chapter in American history, the Orphan Trains moved abused, abandoned, and orphaned children from the crowded cities of the East coast to live with rural families in the West. From 1854 to 1929, an estimated 250,000 children were transported. This website is run by the Orphan Train Heritage Society of American and is filled with historical anecdotes, photos, and related links.

Official City Sites – www.officialcitysites.org

A directory of official city, state and country sites from Australia, Canada, United Kingdom and United States. Also includes chamber of commerce and visitor bureau sites.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

AFTERNOON BOOK CHAT

Sept. 2, Tues. at 2pm. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Four Letters of Love* by Niall Williams. Williams' novel takes place in Ireland, where characters William and Isabel meet and fall in love while they are both looking for signs from God. Pre-register.

PICK UP REMINDER FOR OCTOBER'S AFTERNOON BOOK CHAT

The October title for discussion, *Look at Me* by Jennifer Egan, may be picked up after September 2. The book discussion will be held on October 7 at the New Chicago Branch.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE CLASSES

Sept. 2, Tues. through Oct. 23, Thurs. at 6pm to 8pm. Classes meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week. Participants interested in learning English as their second language should attend these classes. Focus of the classes will be on conversation, vocabulary and also reading and writing. Pre-register by calling 769-3541, ext. 309 or 962-2421.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Sept. 25, Thurs. at 2pm to 4pm. Beginner and advanced scrabblers are invited to challenge their Scrabble techniques and vocabulary skills at a monthly match. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

RAISING SUCCESSFUL READERS

Sept. 4, Thurs. at 7pm. Parents of children up to 5 years of age will learn how to help their children become a successful reader when they start school. Tips will be offered for different age levels, including booklists, activity sheets and other suggestions. Pre-register beginning August 21.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Sept. 10, Wed. at 7pm. Joan Krengel, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, will discuss the background of the opera *The Marriage of Figaro* by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera and share some musical highlights. Pre-register.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Sept. 11, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Crooked Little Heart* by Anne Lamott. The Ferguson's, a close-knit family from Marin County, California, struggle to cope with life's trials and tribulations while Rosie, a 13 year-old obsessed with becoming a tennis champion, embarks on a desperate cycle of cheating. Pre-register.

LIVING TRUSTS AND AVOIDING PROBATE

Sept. 16, Tues. at 3:30 p.m. or 7 p.m. David C. Lutz, Certified Senior Advisor of Retirement Income Specialists, will present this informative program on living trusts and how to avoid probate. Pre-register.

EXPLORE NEW ZEALAND

Sept. 18, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm. Interested travelers will fly over the snow-capped peaks of Mount Cook and ferry across the remote Marlborough Sounds, then tour Auckland, Wellington and Fiordland National Park, via large screen TV. Pre-register.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Sept. 24, Wed. at 7pm. Dora Schenk, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, will discuss the background of the opera *Regina* by Marc Blitzstein. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera and share some musical highlights. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Sept. 25, Thurs. from 10am to noon. A representative from Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screenings. For more information call the library.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Sept. 25, Thurs. at 7pm. Interested readers are invited to join the discussion of *The Crito* by Plato. This is a selection from the *Second Series of Great Books*. Pre-register.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

TUESDAY CROSS STITCHERS

Sept. 2, Tues. at 6:30pm. Interested cross-stitchers are invited to an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Participants can get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitching magazines and books. Pre-register.

CITIZENSHIP ORIENTATION

Sept. 6, 13, 20 and 27, Sat. at 10am to 11:30am. Participants needing to become a United States Citizen should attend these classes to review the process of becoming a citizen and to review the test questions. Co-sponsored by International Institute of NWI. Pre-register.

FINANCIAL PLANNING FOR INDIVIDUAL INVESTORS

Sept. 11, 18, 25 and Oct. 2, Thurs. at 6pm. A representative of Edward Jones Investments will present this four session class for participants interested in learning the basics of financial planning and investing. Fee of $8 covers the cost of materials provided. Pre-register.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY

Sept. 24, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers will enjoy *Northern Italy*, via large screen TV, to see a land of mountains, stylish people, and fabulous cuisine. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Sept. 25, Thurs. at 10:15 a.m. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett. A famous female opera singer is among the influential people held hostage at a party. As negotiations drag on, the terrorists and their hostages get to know each other and racial and language barriers relax. With this strange and tense setting, Patchett weaves a magical, eloquent tale. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

MONDAY NIGHT CRAFT NIGHT

Sept. 8, Mon. at 6 p.m. Crafters, ages 10 to 110, will create a memory page for their scrapbooks with pictures of their summer vacation. Pre-register.

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Friends of Lake County Public Library

2003 ANNUAL FALL BOOK SALE

Friends Members Pre-sale
Thurs., October 2, 2003 4 - 8 p.m.

Public Sale
Fri., October 3, 2003 1 - 4 p.m.
Sat., October 4, 2003 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Located in Meeting Rooms on Lower Level

To take advantage of the Friends Members Pre-sale, check your membership. Not a member or your membership not current? Join or renew at the booksale.

Don't forget to check out our Book Sale Room located on the main level.

NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH...continued

ticket to enter a drawing for a free book which is being provided by a donation from the Altrusa Club of the Indiana Dunes.

- A Super Duper Storyhour marathon will be held on Thursday, September 25, 6-8 p.m. at the Central library in the lower level meeting rooms.

Thank you to all of the organizations and businesses that have generously donated to this event: Albert's Diamond Jewelers, Altrusa Club of the Indiana Dunes, Calumet Area Newcomers, Calumet Area Solo Club, Dr. Andy Koutourides, Dr. Stephen Grandfield, *Friends* of Lake County Public Library, Munster Extension Homemakers, Ridge Dental Care, Weiss Family Charitable Foundation, WiseWay Supercenters.

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

COOL KIDS HAVE A LIBRARY CARD KICKOFF EVENT

Sept. 4, Thurs. at 6:30pm. This year's theme for National Library Card Promotion in September is Cool Kids Have a Library Card. At this kickoff event, Ronald McDonald will visit children and do a magic show. This program is targeted to ensure 1st graders have a library card. No pre-registration is required. For more information call the library.



Happenings Jr. @ your library
Children's Programming
September 2003



PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 22 thru Oct. 29, Mon. at 10am, 1pm or 7pm, Tues. at 10am or 1pm or Wed. at 10am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this 6 week program with a different theme each week. Pre-register beginning September 8.

POTATO BASH

Sept. 25, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K and up will celebrate National Potato Month with a variety of activities centered around one of America's favorite foods. Pre-register.

Calumet Township

Black Oak Branch

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary *844-8809*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

DINOSAUR FOSSILS

Sept. 11, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K and up will hear the story, *Field Mouse and the Dinosaur*, then make a dinosaur fossil to take home. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 23 thru Oct. 28, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this 6 week story hour with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary *980-5180*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

DINOSAUR FOSSILS

Sept. 10, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and up will hear the story, *Field Mouse and the Dinosaur*, then make a dinosaur fossil to take home. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 22 thru Oct. 27, Mon. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this 6 week story hour with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *838-2825*
www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm

MAGIC TREE HOUSE

Sept. 9, Tues. at 3:30pm or Sept. 13, Sat. at 10:30am. Children in grades 2 and up will complete a variety of projects featuring books from the

Griffith programing continued on next page

Griffith Branch...continued

Magic Tree House series. Pre-register.

LITTLE HOUSE PIONEERS

Sept. 11, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children in grades 2 and up will hear chapters from *A Gathering of Days* by Joan Blos and make a duck from cornhusks. Pre-register.

FAMILY STORY HOUR

Sept. 22 thru Oct. 28, Mon. at 10:30am or Tues. at 1:30pm or 6:30pm. Children, ages 3 to 8, will enjoy this 6 week story hour with a different theme each week. Pre-register beginning September 8.

TODDLER CRAFT

Sept. 25, Thurs. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 18 months to 35 months, along with a caregiver, will make a butterfly and enjoy the story *Waiting for Wings*. Pre-register.

PENNY HIKE

Sept. 25, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and up will go on a penny hike to a surprise destination. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *374-7121*

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

TALES FOR TWOS

Sept. 9, Tues. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear stories and songs. Pre-register.

MONKEYING AROUND THE LIBRARY

Sept. 11, Thurs. at 4pm. Members of the Drifting Dunes Girl Scout Troop 565 will share monkey stories, such as *The Monkey's Whiskers* and *So Say the Little Monkeys* with children in grades K through 6, then enjoy a craft and a snack. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 23 thru Oct. 28, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this 6 week story hour with a different theme each week. Pre-register beginning September 2.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *838-2394*

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

TODDLER FRIENDS

Sept. 8, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear stories about friendship, participate in active games, then make a simple craft. Pre-register beginning August 25.

SNACKING FUN

Sept. 16, Tues. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and up will hear the story, *Gregory, the Terrible Eater*, watch a behind the scenes video of a pizzeria, then make their own fun snacks. Pre-register beginning September 2.

TODDLER'S MOUSE IN THE HOUSE

Sept. 22, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear stories about mice, participate in active songs then make a simple craft. Pre-register beginning September 8.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 23 thru Oct 28, Tues. at 10:30am or Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this 6 week story hour with a different theme each week. Pre-register beginning September 8.

Hobart Township

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Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *942-2243*

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

Sept. 6, Sat. at 2pm. Children, in grades K and up will create floral projects to enter in the upcoming Flower Show. Hobart Garden Club members will assist children with a fall planting at the library. Pre-register beginning August 22.

TODDLER FUN FRIDAY

Sept. 19, Fri. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 20 months to 35 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register beginning September 5.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 23 thru Oct. 29 on Tues. at 1pm or 6pm or Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this 6 week story hour with a different theme each week. Pre-register beginning September 8.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *962-2409*

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

CREATIVE WRITING

Sept. 15, Mon. at 3:30pm. Children in grades 1 thru 4 will free write on various topics, including their own story. Pre-register.

TODDLER TIME

Sept. 19, Fri. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will hear teddy bear stories and songs, do finger plays and make a teddy bear craft. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 22 thru Oct. 27, Mon. at 1:30pm or 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this 6 week story hour with a different theme each week. Pre-register beginning September 8.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *962-2421*

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

CAMP FUN

Sept. 4, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades 4 and up will play camp games, enjoy S'mores and entertain others with singing, dancing or telling a story. Pre-register.

THIS SPUD'S FOR YOU!

Sept. 9, Tues. at 4pm. Children in grades K thru 3 will celebrate National Potato Month with games and a craft. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 23 thru Oct 28, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this 6 week story hour with a different theme each week. Pre-register beginning September 8.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *836-8450*

www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

AFTER SCHOOL GROUP

Sept. 3, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and up will celebrate National Potato Month with stories, facts and a craft, then munch on potato chips. Pre-registration is not necessary.

RAISING SUCCESSFUL READERS

Sept. 4, Thurs. at 7pm. Parents of children up to 5 years of age will learn how to help their children become a successful reader when they start school. Tips will be offered for different age levels, including booklists, activity sheets and other suggestions. Pre-register beginning August 21.

TERRIFIC 2'S AND 3'S STORY HOUR

Sept. 8, 15 and 22, Mon. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers will enjoy stories, music, finger plays, simple

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crafts and other related activities each week with a different theme. Pre-registration is not necessary.

FANTASTIC 4'S AND 5'S STORY HOUR

Sept. 9, 16, and 23, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy stories, music, crafts, videos and other related activities with a different theme each week. Pre-registration is not necessary.

WEE ONES

Sept. 10, 24, Wed. at 10:30am. Infants, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, toys, finger plays, music and nursery rhymes, with a different theme each week. Pre-registration is not necessary.

AFTER SCHOOL GROUP

Sept. 17, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and up will learn about going to school in 1774, read from a Hornbook, with a feather and ink, stitch a sampler and learn how to drink tea properly. Pre-registration is not necessary.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK PLAY

Sept. 23, Tues. at 4pm. Children's Book Week is November 16-22, and this year it will be celebrated with a play on Tuesday, November 18 at 4pm. Participants interested in being in the cast should attend this try-outs. Practices will be held on Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 21, 28 and November 11. Pre-registration is not necessary.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Sept. 29, Mon. at 4pm. Students, in grades 4 and higher, who would like to volunteer at the library should attend this informational meeting. Participants will cook a snack, then learn about the jobs volunteers do, and also sign-up for hours they can work. Pre-registration is not necessary.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

GRANDPARENT'S DAY

Sept. 9, Tues. at 1:30pm or Sept. 10, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, along with their grandparents, are invited to hear stories about families, sing songs, play games and make a craft. Pre-register beginning August 25.

TODDLER TIME

Sept. 15, Mon. at 6:30pm or Sept. 16, Tues. at 11am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear stories, sing songs, play games and make a craft. Pre-register beginning September 2.

MARTIAL ARTS FOR KIDS

Sept. 17, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children, in grades K through 6, will learn the benefits of Taekwondo through an explanation and demonstration by Taekwondo USA of St. John. Pre-register beginning September 2.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 22 thru Oct 29, Mon. at 6:30pm or Tues. at 1:30pm or Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this 6 week story hour with a different theme each week. Pre-register beginning September 8.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave. *365-5379*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

MONDAY NIGHT CRAFT NIGHT

Sept. 8, Mon. at 6 p.m. Crafters, ages 10 to 110, will create a memory page for their scrapbooks with pictures of their summer vacation. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Sept. 23 thru Oct. 28, at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this 6 week story hour with a different theme each week. Pre-register beginning September 8.

COOKING UP SOME FUN

Sept. 25, Thurs. at 4pm. Children, in grades K and up, will have a chance to cook their own snack, along with hearing stories and playing games. Pre-register.



LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER 2003 HAPPENINGS @ your library

www.lakeco.lib.in.us

We're Putting the Fun in Fundraiser

This year the Lake County Public Library Foundation decided to hold a fundraiser that will appeal to many different age groups as libraries and books do, plus be affordable for all. Traditionally, libraries have been thought of as serious research centers where talking is prohibited. While the latter still applies in some areas of libraries, the Lake County Public Library also offers many lively children's and adult programs and special events. All kinds of books including classic, humor, romance, mysteries, nursery rhymes and more along with CD's, videotapes, periodicals, books-on-tape, DVD's can be found at the LCPL. This is in part due to the efforts put forth by the members of the LCPL library Foundation. The purpose of the library Foundation is to raise, receive, hold, invest and administer funds and property for the purchase or use of library materials. The Foundation's disbursement made it possible for branches to acquire expensive and fine quality sets of books, such as International Wildlife Encyclopedia and Great American Writers: 20th Century. The Foundation materials budget also purchased outstanding, expensive art books and high quality audio-visual materials.

We are proud to announce Michael McDermott and Big John Howell and The Born to Boogie Band will be performing at our annual fundraiser on Friday, October 10, 6 p.m. – midnight, Radisson Hotel at Star Plaza, Grand Metropolitan Ballroom. Tickets cost $40 per individual and include the cost of food stations. A great deal!

Michael McDermott
Big John Howell
and the
Born to Boogie Band

Not only is Michael McDermott a gifted musician but he is an avid reader and his agent states, "Michael eats books for breakfast." Stephen King has recognized Michael's exceptional writing talent and is considered both a fan and a friend. Michael is a long time fixture on the Chicago music scene and has been described as a gifted and introspective poet. Michael's writing style has been compared to legendary Irish writer, James Joyce and his musical style to Bob Dylan, Bruce Springsteen and U2.

Big John Howell is a DJ on US 99.5 (WUSN-FM) and 104.3 (WJMK-FM). When Big John's not doing DJ duty, he's performing with the Born to Boogie Band and has opened for such big-name country music acts as Alabama, Charlie Daniel's Band, George Jones, Martina McBride and Travis Tritt. However, Big John, isn't just another radio personality with a band. He's a serious musician who received a degree at the prestigious, jazz-oriented Berklee College of Music in Boston, where classmates included Bruce Hornsby, Melissa Ethridge and Branford Marsalis. Howell has said, "Jazz and country are the two great American music forms. Too often people hear 'country music and think of 'Hee-Haw'. If they instead pictured William Faulkner set to music, they might feel differently."

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Ticket cost: $40
(includes the entertainment and the buffet food stations)
An unbelievable bargain!!
To purchase tickets by check or cash
Call Mary or Diane,
Library public relations
219-769-3541 ext. 315 or 317
To purchase tickets with a credit card, Call TicketWeb at 866-468-3401
or online:
www.ticketweb.com/user?region=infw&query=venues

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Oct. 1, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Beginning users of the computer will learn how to hold, move and click a mouse. Pre-register the 15th of the month prior to the program, ext. 346.

FRIENDS OF LCPL ANNUAL FALL BOOK SALE

Oct. 2, Thurs. from 4pm to 8pm is the *Friends* member pre-sale. New members wanting to join or members needing to update their membership may do so at the pre-sale. Sale is open to the public on Oct. 3, Fri. from 1pm to 4pm and Oct. 4, Sat. from 9am to 4pm. Special bargain sales will be on Saturday afternoon. For more information call ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Oct. 8, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This class is for the next step for the beginner. Participants will learn about Windows and computer terminology. Pre-register the 15th of the month prior to the program, ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 9, Thurs. at 6pm. Readers are invited to this month's discussion of *A Girl Named Zippy*, by Haven Kimmel, which is this year's selection for One Region One Book. Kimmel's hilarious memoir reveals a witty child with big eyes and ears, growing up in a small Indiana town amidst quirky neighbors, family squabbles and backyard animals. Pre-register.

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Oct. 10, Fri. at 10am. This month's club meeting will feature a movie day, "*The Many Faces of Old Glory*." Blood pressure screening will be available from 9:30am to 11:30am. For more information call the library.

GREAT DECISIONS

Oct. 14 and 28, Tues. at 6:30pm. Interested participants are invited to a monthly discussion group designed by the Foreign Policy Association. This month's topic is "Europe: State of the Union." Materials for discussions will be provided. Fee for new registrant is $5. Pre-register, ext. 315.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Oct. 15, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Interested computer users will explore the library's homepage and learn about the Web. Pre-register the 15th of the month prior to the program, ext. 346.

GARDENING SERIES

Oct. 21, Tues. at 7pm. This month's topic, "Having Fun with Herbs: How to Use the Herbs You Grow" is presented by Maryann Jarvis. Co-sponsored with Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service featuring the Speakers Bureau of the Lake County Master Gardeners Program. Master Gardeners can achieve advanced training hours by attending any of these programs. Pre-register, ext. 317.

GENEALOGY SERVICES @ YOUR LIBRARY

Oct. 22, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. A basic introduction to using genealogy websites for family research will be held for those just starting their search. This class will also cover the resources available at the library. Pre-register, ext. 346.

EMPLOYMENT TAXES

Oct. 24, Fri. at 9:30am to 5pm. The IRS will present this workshop which will cover who is an employee versus who is an independent contractor, along with preparing form SS-8 if needed. Filing of employment tax forms such as 940 and 941 are covered, as well as issuing W-2's versus 1099 forms. Pre-register, ext. 334.

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

Oct. 25, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm. Trent Turner, 4th grade student at Fieler Elementary School, will have a photography exhibit and reception. Trent and his father, Norman are both talented, creative photographers. Trent's personal works will be on display. Refreshments will be provided. This reception is open to the public, and Trent's photographs will be on display in the Carol E. Derner Gallery throughout the months of October and November. For more information call ext. 315.

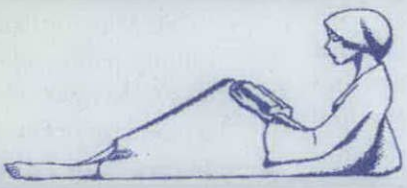
MYSTERY LOVES COMPANY BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 28, Tues. at noon. Interested readers are invited to join the discussion of *A Morbid Taste for Bones* by Ellis Peters. The Welsh town of Gwytherin is home of the grave St. Winifred. When the head of Shrewsbury Abbey wants to acquire the remains for his Benedictine order, Brother Cadfael is sent to translate and make the request. Finding the town divided on this moving of bones, Cadfael is not surprised when it leads to murder. However, the love, scandal and other surprises that are dug up are not expected by anyone. Pre-register, ext. 336.

URBAN LEGENDS — TRUTH OR ???

Oct. 28, Tues. at 4pm. Urban legends ... a madman in the backseat of your car or a moose in love with a lawn ornament. Teens are invited to find the truth behind the legends or bring some legends of their own. Pre-register, ext. 395.

READER'S ADVISORY @ your library



SPIN-OFF MYSTERIES-

with characters from fictional and historical sources

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: One evening a puzzled patron approached me and asked me to help him solve this riddle:

When asked this riddle, 80% of kindergarten students got the answer, compared to 17% of university students.

What is greater than God, More evil than the devil, The poor have it, The rich need it, And if you eat it, you'll die?

A: Think in simple terms like a small child... Here comes the answer...The answer is **NOTHING,**

Nothing is greater than God

Nothing is more evil than the devil

The poor have Nothing

The rich need Nothing

And if you eat Nothing, you'll die

Calumet Township

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings **@your library.**

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

ONE REGION ONE BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 6, Mon. at 12:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel, which is this year's selection for One Region One Book. Kimmel's hilarious memoir reveals a witty child with big eyes and ears, growing up in a small Indiana town amidst quirky neighbors, family squabbles and backyard animals. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 13, Mon. at 12:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Doorbell Rang* by Rex Stout. Stout's novel deals with a very rich woman who insists she is being harassed by the FBI, followed by agents, her phones tapped and her privacy invaded. A hefty retainer leads Nero Wolfe into a murder about which the FBI may know more than has been revealed. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 27, Mon. at 6pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Quentins* by Maeve Binchy. Ella Brady, a documentary filmmaker, wants to bring the tale of the Dublin restaurant Quentins to the screen. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm*

ONE REGION ONE BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 1, Wed. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel, which is this year's selection for One Region One Book. Kimmel's hilarious memoir reveals a witty child with big eyes and ears, growing up in a small Indiana town amidst quirky neighbors, family squabbles and backyard animals. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 6, Mon. from 10am to 11:30am. Unity Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

INVEST SUCCESSFULLY IN TODAY'S WORLD

Oct. 8, Wed. at 1pm. A representative from Peerson & Company will teach participants about different kinds of investments, strategies, risk levels, asset allocation and how to avoid common mistakes investors make. This is a repeat program from September. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 15, Wed. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of Nowhere Else on Earth by Josephine Humphrey. In the summer of 1864, Robeson County, North Carolina is squeezed between the Union Army and the desperate Home Guard conscripting for forced labor. Rhoda Strong is also being squeezed between loyalty to family and her love of hunted outlaw Henry Berry Lowrie. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

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GUESS THE STAFF MEMBER

Oct. 1, Wed. at 10am. Stop in the branch to browse baby pictures and guess which staff members they are. The winner will receive a prize. Pictures will be posted the entire month of October. For more information call the library.

SCRAPBOOK MEMOIRS

Oct. 4, Sat. at 1:30pm to 3:30pm. Participants will create four pages of creative ideas to take home to continue their scrapbooking memoirs. Participants should bring 8 to 10 pictures of an event, scissors and adhesives. Fee of $12 covers the material provided. Pre-register beginning September 15.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Oct. 6, Mon. at 6pm. Participants will paint a boathouse on an 8"x10" canvas using a dry brush technique. Fee of $10 covers the cost of materials provided and must be paid at the time of the class. Pre-register.

BOOKS AND CHAT

Oct. 14, Tues. at 2pm or Oct. 15, Weds. at 6:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Time Line* by Michael Crichton. This month's selection is a science fiction novel, with a mix of science and time paradox that will keep you on the edge of your seat. The Middle Ages are brought to life with plenty of pulse-pounding action. Pre-register.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Oct. 20, Mon. at 6pm. Participants will paint an apple orchard landscape on an 8"x10" canvas. Fee of $10 covers the cost of materials provided and must be paid at the time of the class. Pre-register.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Oct. 25, Sat. at 9:30am to 1pm. Participants will learn a still life technique when they paint a kitchen crockware on an 8"x10" canvas. Fee of $10 covers the cost of materials and must be paid at the time of the class. Pre-register.

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Oct. 28, Tues. at 2pm. Russia remains a land of ancient tradition and rapid change. Travelers will experience the beauty and grandeur of this rugged land and learn about the people, culture and history, via large screen TV. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

the Staff Recommends@ your library

General Reference Center Gold and **INSPIRE:**

You're washing machine is leaking all over the floor & it's time to think about buying a new one. Where can you find articles on selecting the best washing machines for the money? There are two databases that the library subscribes to that resident patrons can log on to from home: General Reference Center Gold and INSPIRE: The Indiana Virtual Library. From both sources, patrons can search for 'washing machines evaluation' or 'washing machines purchasing' to find articles similar to those found in sources such as Consumer Reports. A wealth of information is available to everyone at the Library. To access databases from home, resident patrons need to have a Library Card and a PIN or Personal Identification Number.

AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Oct. 2, Thurs. at 10:30am to 5pm. Hall Schaller, AARP representative, will present this one day classroom style driver training class to help older adults improve their driving skills. Some insurance companies offer discounts to participants. Fee of $10 covers the cost of materials provided and is payable at the class. Participants should bring a sack lunch. Coffee will be provided. Attendance is limited.

VIDEO HISTORY SERIES

Oct. 6, Mon. at 1:30pm or 7pm. This month's history video is *Afghanistan: State of the Taliban*. Discover the history of the Taliban from its rise to power in 1996 to its dominance over the Afghan population. Pre-register.

ONE REGION ONE BOOK - YOUR STORY IN PICTURES

Oct. 7, Tues. at 6:30pm. Representatives from Shoot 'n Crop in Highland will instruct participants how to create their own life story through scrapbooking. Fee of $10 covers the cost of materials provided. Participants need to bring 8 to 10 pictures of a single event, a pair of scissors and adhesive. Pre-register beginning September 23.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 8, Wed. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

SAND RIDGE BANK MORNING CLUB

Oct. 9, Thurs. at 10:30am. This month's club meeting will feature an online banking demonstration. This will show participants how to pay bills and check your account online. Co-

sponsored by Sand Ridge Bank. Pre-register by calling the bank at 972-7317.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 14, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Empire Falls* by Richard Russo. Empire Falls is the social saga of the plight of the working class in the decaying mill town of Empire Falls, Maine. Miles Roby, forced by his mother's early death to abandon his college career, returns home to manage the Empire Grill. Pre-register.

SHIIP: SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION PROGRAM

Oct. 15, Wed. at 6:30pm. A volunteer from SHIIP, a non-profit organization designed to help inform seniors of insurance changes, prescription discounts and more, will present this seminar. Co-sponsored by Sand Ridge Bank. Pre-register by calling the bank at 972-7317.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Oct. 20, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Travelers will journey from Plymouth to Boston to Connecticut. Suffused with Colonial history, New England boasts a mixture of old world charm and new world sophistication. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 23, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Trust Betrayed* by Candace Robb. Robb's mystery takes place in Scotland in the spring of 1927, and Margaret Kerr's merchant husband, Roger, has been missing since winter. Worried that he may have been caught up in the rebellion against the English, Margaret sets out in search of her husband. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR NOVEMBER MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Copies of November's book discussion, *Ice House* by Minette Walters will be available for checkout after October 23. The discussion will be held November 20 at 7pm.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Oct. 27, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. On the screen this month is *Wait Until Dark* starring Audrey Hepburn. When a photographer unknowingly brings home a drug-filled doll, his blind wife becomes terrorized by the two murderous men in search of it. Pre-register.

BASIC WINDOWS

Oct. 28, Tues. at 2pm. This computer class is for beginners to teach how to use a mouse, opening and closing programs, minimizing, etc. Pre-register beginning October 20.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ON THE ROAD AGAIN ... TO KENYA

Oct. 1, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers will journey, via large screen TV, to this alluring country to see flamingos in the Rift Valley, wildebeest migrations and the Masai Mara and Tsavo Plains. Pre-register.

REMINISCING WITH MEMOIRS

Oct. 6, Mon. at 7pm. In the spirit of *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel, writers and listeners are invited to share or listen to personal memoirs of family and friends. Pre-register.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Oct. 9, Thurs. at 6pm. Beginner and advanced scrabblers are invited to challenge their Scrabble techniques and vocabulary skills at our monthly match. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

APPLE BASKET

Oct. 11, Sat. at 9:30am. Basket instructor Rose R[illegible]n will teach interested crafters to weave an apple bas[illegible]. Both advanced and beginning basket weavers will find this simple and fun to make. Fee of $9 to cover the cost of material is due by October 8. Please bring a bucket and a towel. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 16, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

HOBART HANDICRAFTERS

Oct. 20, Mon. at 6pm. Scrapbooks and crafters are invited to an evening of relaxation and fun. Participants can work on projects, share ideas view the latest craft books and magazines. For more information call the library.

AFTERNOON BOOK CHAT

Oct. 21, Tues. at 2pm. Readers are invited to join the discussion of *Ella Minnow Pea* by Mark Dunn. Dunn recounts what happens when the citizens of an island must rely on all their ingenuity to communicate in an increasingly limited language when the government progressively bans letters from the alphabet. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR NOVEMBER BOOK CHAT

The November title for discussion, *Desirable Daughters* by Bharait Mukherjee, will be available for checkout after October 21. The discussion will be held November 18 at 7pm.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 10, Fri. from 12:30pm to 2pm. A retired nurse will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

GARDEN CLEANUP

Oct. 15, Wed. at 7pm. Master Gardner Jim Pavelka will present this program on how to get your garden ready for winter. Pre-register.

ONE REGION ONE BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 29, Wed. at 2pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel, which is this year's selection for One Region One Book. Kimmel's hilarious memoir reveals a witty child with big eyes and ears, growing up in a small Indiana town admist quirky neighbors, family squabbles and backyard animals. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

CITIZENSHIP ORIENTATION

Oct. 4, 11, 18, and 25, Sat. at 10am to 11:30am. Participants needing to become a United States Citizen should attend these classes to review the process of becoming a citizen and to review the test questions. Co-sponsored by International Institute of NWI. Pre-register.

BOOK CHAT

Oct. 7, Tues. at 2pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Look at Me* by Jennifer Egan. Charlotte, a succesful thirty-ish model, survives a car accident. When her facial surgery alters her appearance, she must cope with finding a new identification. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR NOVEMBER BOOK CHAT

Oct. 7, Tues. at 2pm. The November title for discussion, *Remember Me* by Laura Hendrie, may be picked up after October 7. The discussion will be held on November 4.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Oct. 30, Thurs. at 2pm to 4pm. Beginner and advanced scrabblers are invited to challenge their Scrabble techniques and vocabulary skills at a monthly match. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

ONE REGION ONE BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 2, Thurs. at 1:30pm or 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel, which is this year's selection for One Region One Book. Kimmel's hilarious memoir reveals a witty child with big eyes and ears, growing up in a small Indiana town amidst quirky neighbors, family squabbles and backyard animals. Pre-register.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Oct. 9, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The All of It* by Jeanette Haien. As Father Declan attends to Kevin on his deathbed, Enda reveals the lie she and Kevin have lived with for the past 50 years. As Enda tells the tale, it shakes the priest to his core. Pre-register.

EXPLORE THE NETHERLANDS

Oct. 16, Thurs. at 2pm or 7pm. Interested travelers will tour the cities and sights of the Netherlands, including Amsterdam, the "Venice of the North" with its canals and 1,200 bridges, Maastricht, Gelderland and Thorn, via large screen TV. Pre-register.

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Oct. 22, Wed. at 7pm. Arn Schenk, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, will discuss the background of the opera "Siegfried" by Richard Wagner. He will provide information about the composer, tell the story of the opera and share some musical highlights. Pre-register.

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BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Oct. 23, Thurs. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Oct. 30, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Virtues* by Dewey. This is a selection from the *Second Series of Great Books*. A one time fee of $25 covers the cost of the set of *Great Books*. Pre-register.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

GET STARTED! WRITING YOUR MEMOIRS

Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Nov. 3, Mon. at 1pm to 3pm. If reading this year's One Region One Book selection, *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel, made you want to write about your life, join this group of would-be memoir writers to start recording your own memories. Through weekly exercises and group discussion, participants will help each other develop a plan and start writing. Pre-register.

TUESDAY CROSS STITCHERS

Oct. 7, Tues. at 6:30pm. Interested cross-stitchers are invited to an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Participants can get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitching magazines and books. Pre-register.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY

Oct. 22, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers will experience the distinct neighborhoods of beautiful San Francisco on foot and by cable car via large-screen video. Pre-register.

ONE REGION ONE BOOK DISCUSSION

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DO YOU SURF? @ your library

Parke County Covered Bridge Festival – www.coveredbridges.com

The covered bridge capital of the world, Parke County in Indiana has 32 covered bridges to tour. All were built between 1856 and 1920. Besides guided tours, the festival also presents hundreds of booths of arts and crafts, homemade foods, and a farmer's market.

The Great Peshtigo Fire of 1871 – www.peshtigo-fire.com

On exactly the same day that the great fire in Chicago occurred, one of the most disastrous forest fires in history began at Peshtigo, Wisconsin. The fire burned across six counties and spread into Michigan. Over 1,200 lives were lost. The purpose of this site, as stated in the Introduction, is to "gather and organize all the information about this historical event into one comprehensive reference source."

World Series – www.WorldSeries.com

This October marks the 100th anniversary of baseball's championship series. Presented by MLB.com, this site gives a wealth of information, both current and historical. Video and audio highlights are offered.

GovBenefits.gov – www.GovBenefits.gov

This site is a partnership of many Federal agencies and organizations to provide improved, personalized access to government assistance programs. Its purpose is to give you a list of benefits you may be eligible to receive and then to provide information about how to apply for those programs.

CHILDHOOD MEMORIES - EVERYONE HAS A STORY

Oct. 28, Tues. at 7pm. Participants are invited to hear excerpts from this year's One Region One Book selection, *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel, to talk about the book and share their amusing stories from childhood. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

ZIPPY SCRAPBOOKING NIGHT

Oct. 15, Wed. at 6:30pm. Readers and crafters, ages 12 to 100, are invited to talk about this year's One Region One Book selection, *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel. Participants will create a scrapbook page commemorating a special event or childhood memory. Participants should bring one to three photos. Pre-register.

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Friends of Lake County Public Library

ANNUAL FALL BOOK SALE

Oct. 2, Thurs. from 4pm to 8pm is the *Friends* member pre-sale. New members wanting to join or members needing to update their membership may do so at the pre-sale. Sale is open to the public on **Oct. 3, Fri. from 1pm to 4pm and Oct. 4, Sat. from 9am to 4pm.**

Special bargain sales will be on Saturday afternoon. For more information call ext. 317.

Coming in November

***Friends* of LCPL Stop & Shop Fundraiser**
Saturday, November 1 from 12:30pm to 3:30pm
With the Comforts of Home

A sampling of products will be on display for browsing; catalog will feature all items, including the new Christmas line.

Come and shop all the wonderful things Comforts of Home has to offer, and help support the Friends of LCPL.

For more information call
Diane at 769-3541, ext. 317.

Be sure to check out their website:
www.comfortsofhome.com

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Story hour will continue from September thru October. Mon. at 10am, 1pm or 7pm, Tues. at 10am or 1pm, Wed. at 10am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this story hour with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

IT'S A MYSTERY

Oct. 9, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will solve mysteries, play mysterious games and hear mysterious stories. Pre-register, ext. 360.



Happenings Jr. @ your library
Children's Programming
October 2003



SPOOKTACULAR HALLOWEN FUN

Oct. 23, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will have a frightfully good time with scary stories, crafts, activities and a film. Pre-register, ext. 360.

Calumet Township

Black Oak Branch

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary *844-8809*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 7 thru Oct. 28, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this story hour with songs, stories, films and simple crafts with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

POPCORN FUN

Oct. 9, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will hear the story of *Popcorn at the Palace* then help make different flavored popcorn mixes. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary *980-5180*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 6 thru 27, Mon. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this story hour with songs, stories, films and simple crafts with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

POPCORN FUN

Oct. 8, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will hear the story of *Popcorn at the Palace* then help make different flavored popcorn mixes. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *838-2825*
www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm

LITTLE HOUSE PIONEERS

Oct. 9, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children, ages 7 and older, will make harvest baskets from grocery sacks, and hear more from the story, *A Gathering of Days*. Pre-register.

YOUNG ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION

Oct. 20, Mon. at 5:30pm. Young readers, ages 10 to 15, are invited to the discussion of *Witch Child* by Celia Rees. Pre-register.

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BOO-HA HA!

Oct. 22, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children, in grades K and higher, will hear Halloween stories that are scary and funny. Children may wear their Halloween costumes. Pre-register.

TODDLER HALLOWEEN

Oct. 23, Thurs. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 18 months to 35 months, along with their caregivers, will celebrate Halloween with stories, a magic picture craft, then enjoy a special treat. Children may wear their Halloween costumes. Caregivers may bring prewrapped treats for the children to take home. Pre-register.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING WORKSHOP

Oct. 23, Thurs. and Oct. 24, Fri. at 1pm to 4:30pm. Young adults, ages 11 to 14, can earn a Red Cross Certificate by completing this two day course. Cost of the class is $23 and must be paid at the time of registration. Attendance is limited. Visit the library to pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *374-7121*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 7 thru Oct. 28, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this story hour with songs, stories, films and simple crafts with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

HOWLING GOOD TIME!

Oct. 7, Tues. at 4pm. Children, in grades K thru 6, will hear Halloween stories, play a creepy game and enjoy a cup of tasty Witches Brew. Pre-register.

FALL CRAFT

Oct. 14, Tues. at 4pm. Children, in grades K thru 6, will make a fall craft. For specific craft details, contact the library. Pre-register.

HOWLING FUN FOR TODDLERS

Oct. 23, Thurs. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear non-scary Halloween stories and make a spooky headband to take home. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *838-2394*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 1 thru Oct. 29, Tues. at 10:30am, or Wed. at 10:30am or 1:30pm.
Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this story hour with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

YOUNG ADULT PIZZA PARTY

Oct. 9, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Young adults, grades 5 through 8, will watch a video that goes behind the scenes of a pizza parlor, then create and eat their own pizzas. Donations of $.50 will help defray the cost of the supplies. Pre-register beginning September 22.

TODDLERS MAKING A MESS

Oct. 13, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear messy stories, sing songs and finger paint without the mess. Pre-register beginning September 22.

HALLOWEEN CRITTER CRAFTS

Oct. 21, Tues. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K through 4 will make a variety of Halloween critters out of new and recycled materials. Donations of $.50 will help defray the cost of materials. Pre-register beginning October 6.

TODDLER'S BOO WHO?

Oct. 27, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will listen to *Boo Who?* and other stories, sing songs and make a simple craft. Pre-register beginning October 13.

Hobart Township

Hobart Township programing continued on next page.

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *942-2243*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR
Oct. 1 thru Oct. 29, Wed. at 10:30am, Tues. at 1pm or 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this story hour with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

PUMPKIN CARVING PARTY AND CONTEST
Oct. 9, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K through 7 are invited to bring their pumpkins and carving kits to create a winning pumpkin. The top three winners will receive a prize. Parents are welcome to assist their children. Pre-register.

HAUNTED LIBRARY
Oct. 23, Thurs. from 6pm to 8pm. Children, ages 5 to 10, should visit the haunted library for a special haunting experience. Pre-register.

TODDLER FUN FRIDAY
Oct. 24, Fri. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 20 months to 35 months, along with their caregivers will participate in a Halloween story time. Children may wear their costumes and bring a treat to share. Pre-register beginning October 10.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *962-2409*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR
Oct. 6 thru Oct. 27, Mon. at 1:30pm or 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this story hour with stories, songs and other activities with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

GHOST TRACKERS OF NWI VISIT LIBRARY
Oct. 8, Wed. at 6pm. Ghost Trackers of NWI will bring their ghost tracking devices, photos and a video with ghosts they have spotted. Pre-register.

BONE CHILLING CREATIVE WRITING
Oct. 15, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children in grades 3 and higher are invited to come and write scary stories. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *962-2421*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

DISNEY WORLD FUN
Oct. 14, Tues. at 4pm. Children in grades K through 3 will celebrate the anniversary of Disney World with trivia, character games, songs and a movie. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR
Oct. 7 thru Oct. 28, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this story hour with stories, songs and other activities with a different theme each week. Pre-register.

HALLOWEEN HAUNTS
Oct. 28, Tues. at 4pm. Young adults, ages 11 to 14, will play mummy wrap and freeze dancing, then share scary stories. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *836-8450*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

AFTER SCHOOL GROUP
Oct. 1, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will hear pizza stories and songs, participate in a pizza game, then make and eat their own pizza. Pre-registration is not required. For more information call the library.

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TERRIFIC 2'S AND 3'S STORY HOUR

Oct. 6, 20, 27, Mon. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, music, finger plays, crafts and other related activities. At the Oct. 27th program, children may wear Halloween costumes and bring prewrapped candy to share. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

FANTASTIC 4'S AND 5'S STORY HOUR

Oct. 7, 21, 28, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy stories, music, crafts, videos and other related activities. On Oct. 28th children may wear their Halloween costumes and bring prewrapped candy to share with others. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

WEE ONES

Oct. 8, 22, Wed. at 10:30am. Infants, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy toys, music, finger plays and nursery rhymes. Pre-registration is not required. For more information call the library.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Oct. 27, Mon. at 4pm. Students in grades 4 or higher who are interested in volunteering should attend this social hour program. Make a dream catcher and enjoy a snack. Students will also schedule volunteer time at the library. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

AFTER SCHOOL GROUP

Oct. 29, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will hear stories about life in New Mexico in the fall of 1824. Children will participate in a craft and sample food of that time period. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 6 thru Oct 29, Mon. at 6:30pm or Tues. at 1:30pm or Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this story hour with a different theme each week.

TODDLER TRANSPORTATION

Oct. 7, Tues. at 11am or Oct. 8, Wed. at 6:30pm. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear stories about cars, trucks and trains. Pre-register beginning September 22.

TODDLER TIME

Oct. 28, Tues. at 11am or Oct. 29, Wed. at 6:30pm. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear stories about creepy critters. Pre-register beginning October 13.

CELEBRATE THE MAGIC OF READING WITH JACK AND ANNIE

Oct. 30, Thurs. at 6:30pm. Children, in grades 1 through 4, are invited to dress like characters from their favorite *Magic Tree House* story, and bring items, games and refreshments. Games and refreshments will be provided. Pre-register beginning October 13.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave. *365-5379*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

MONDAY NIGHT CRAFT NIGHT

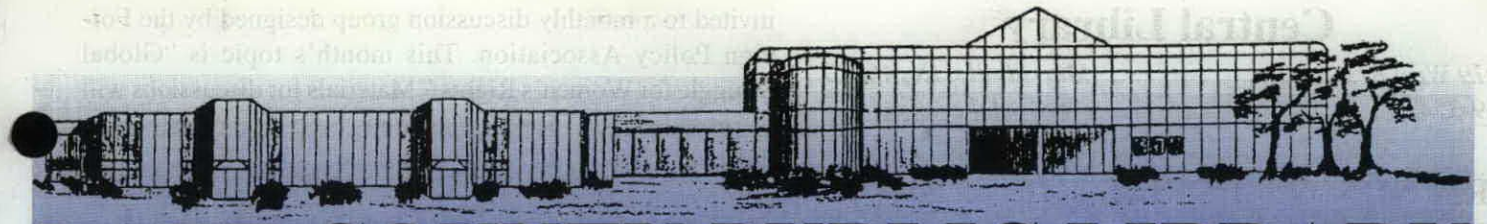
Oct. 6, Mon. at 6pm. Interested crafters, ages 10 to 100, should bring an orange bandana and scissors to create a bandana pumpkin. Pre-register.

HALLOWEEN IS FOR HAUNTING

Oct. 23, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades and K and higher will celebrate Halloween with games, crafts and refreshments. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Oct. 7 thru Oct. 28, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy this story hour with a different theme each week. Pre-register beginning September 8.



LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

NOVEMBER 2003 HAPPENINGS @ your library

www.lakeco.lib.in.us

CEDAR LAKE HAPPENINGS

Fall is here, the children are back at school and our branch is buzzing with excitement. Children this month will celebrate "National Children's Book Week" in two separate programs. Call the branch and talk to Miss Becky for more details.

CELEBRATE NATIONAL BOOK WEEK, NOVEMBER 17-23

Adults, we did not forget you! There are two book discussion groups: 2:00 pm on the third Tuesday and 6:30 pm on the third Wednesday of each month. The participants share ideas of the book, have refreshments and do a thumbs up or down.

Rather just sit back and enjoy a film? You can Travel the World Without Leaving Home. On the fourth Tuesday of the month we travel to somewhere new around the world. November we will take an excursion to "Russia" to experience the beauty and grandeur of this rugged land, and learn about her people.

Are you a hands-on person? We have craft programs for those who want to learn or just refresh their skills of knitting. Bring your yarn and needles and join our round table knitters. Instruction is provided by one of our local 4-H leaders.

Is painting your thing? Our instructor offers a different technique in every class. This class is limited to a small number so everyone can receive hands on instruction. Pre-registration is required. Call for more details. Come see us and have some fun!

WHAT IS LAKENET?

LakeNET is a website that leads you to thousands of sites containing valuable information about the Northwest Indiana region. The goal is to gather, organize, and publish information about Northwest Indiana on the World Wide Web so that citizens of Lake County – as well as the world – will know what our communities have to offer. So when you need information about Northwest Indiana, start your search with LakeNET.

If you have access to the World Wide Web from home, point your browser to http://www.lakenetniwi.net. If you do not have home/business access, visit one of the Lake County Public Libraries and access LakeNET through a public computer.

If you are looking for something to do in Lake County, LakeNET lists monthly and weekly events to keep you in touch with what is happening in the community. They also have recreation pages that include links to antiques and resale shops, fun centers, museums, outdoor recreation, parks, restaurants, shopping centers, theaters and more.

LakeNET also provides access to thousands of websites in Northwest Indiana all at the click of a mouse. LakeNET is organized into broad categories that allow for easy access to many web links. Some categories available on LakeNET include links to the Arts, County information, Education, Employment, Government, Health, History, Mental Health, Senior Sites, Sports and much more.

For more information on LakeNET, call, 219-769-3541 ext. 337.

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LakeNET

The information connection for Lake County, Indiana.

Find this link and more on our homepage at: www.lakeco.lib.in.us

Central Library

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769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

FRIENDS OF LCPL STOP & SHOP FUNDRAISER

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COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Nov. 5, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Beginning users of the computer will learn how to hold, move and click a mouse. Pre-register the 15th of the month prior to the program, ext. 346.

OVERCOMING MEMORY LOSS: MONTESSORI LEARNING

Nov. 5, Wed. at 7pm. Leslie Miles, with Arden Courts, will talk about a dynamic new learning approach that may benefit an Alzheimer patient. Pre-register, ext. 317.

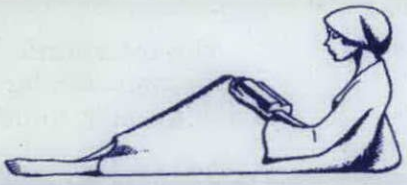
CASH FOR COLLEGE

Nov. 5, Wed. at 7pm. Parents and students are invited to attend this informational program presented by a reference librarian. Topics covered include scholarships, grants and loans. Financial resources available on the web and for check-out will be highlighted. Free handouts will be available to help navigate the financial aid maze. Pre-register, ext. 315.

GREAT DECISIONS

Nov. 11, 25, Tues. at 6:30pm. Interested participants are invited to a monthly discussion group designed by the Foreign Policy Association. This month's topic is "Global Struggle for Women's Rights." Materials for discussions will be provided. Fee for new registrants is $5. Pre-register, ext. 315.

READER'S ADVISORY @ your library



BOOKING THE BALKANS

(stories set in southeastern Europe)

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Nov. 12, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This class is for the next step for the beginner. Participants will learn about Windows and computer terminology. Pre-register the 15th of the month prior to the program, ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Nov. 13, Thurs. at 6pm. Readers are invited to join the discussion of *Stones for Ibarra* by Harriet Doerr. Doerr's novel is the winner of the America Book Award for first fiction in 1984. Readers will find out why a couple would move from San Francisco to a house in a remote part of Mexico without water or electricity, and weren't even sure was still standing. Pre-register.

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

Nov. 14, Fri. at 10am. This month's club meeting will feature "T'ai Chi, Its History and Benefits" presented by Jack Walker, founder, director and instructor of T'ai Chi Studio in Valparaiso. Blood pressure screening will be available from 9:30am to 11:30am. For more information call the library, ext. 317.

HOW TO START A BUSINESS

Nov. 18, Tues. at 1pm to 4pm. The Small Business Development Center will present this workshop for interested participants. Fees are $25 in advance; $30 at the door. Pre-register by calling SBDC at 219-762-1696.

GARDENING SERIES - GARDENS OF HAWAII

Nov. 18, Tues. at 7pm. This month's topic is presented by Anna & Wayne Barnes Master Gardeners. Co-sponsored with Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service featuring the Speakers Bureau of Lake Co. Master Gardeners Program. Master Gardeners can achieve advanced training hours by attending any of these programs. Pre-register ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Nov. 19, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Interested computer users will explore the library's homepage and learn about the Web. Pre-register the 15th of the month prior to the program, ext. 346.

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: A patron is looking for information on a news event that occurred in Gary in the 1960's, possibly 1967. He called the *Post Tribune* and the *Hammond Times*, but both papers referred him to the Library.

A: Unfortunately, there wasn't an easy answer here. Neither paper has an index for that time period. In order for the patron to find the information he wants, he would have to look through the microfilmed copies of the papers. The Central Library Periodicals Department does have the *Times* and the *Post Tribune* for extensive time ranges on microfilm and people can print out the story that they need.

Central Branch ...continued

CORPORATIONS/PARTNERSHIPS/LLC

Nov. 21, Fri. at 9:30am to 5pm. The IRS will present this workshop covering the forming the entities of a C-corporation, S-corporation, Partnerships and Limited Liabilities Companies. The tax forms to complete are covered, along with a discussion of the business expenses allowed, such as salaries and commissions, vehicle expenses, travel and entertainment, and other miscellaneous expenses. Minimum class size is 10. Registrations close one week before date of program. Early registration is recommended. Pre-register, ext. 334.

MYSTERY LOVES COMPANY BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 25, Tues. at noon. Readers are invited to the discussion of *One for the Money* by Janet Evanovich. With no job, no car, no money, unemployed discount lingerie buyer Stephanie Plum blackmails her bail bondsman cousin into giving her a job. With no skill or experience, she takes on her first job which turns out to be tougher than she thought, and soon discovers this new job could lead to murder - her own. Pre-register, ext. 336.

Calumet Township

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

ONE REGION ONE BOOK DISCUSSION

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Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

ONE REGION ONE BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 3, Mon. at 12:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel, which was this year's selection for One Region One Book. Kimmel's hilarious memoir reveals a witty child with big eyes and ears, growing up in a small Indiana town amidst quirky neighbors, family squabbles and backyard animals. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 10, Mon. at 12:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Dream Stalker* by Margaret Coel. Money and jobs are promised so the Wind River Reservation agrees to use their land for nuclear waste storage but Arapaho attorney Vicky Holden is opposed. A murder and two attempts on her life make it clear there is much more to the deal than she thought. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 24, Mon. at 6pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Nights in Rodanthe* by Nicholas Sparks. Two middle-aged people meet by chance and begin an impassioned but doomed romance in a small North Carolina coastal town. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 3, Mon. from 10am to 11am. Unity Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

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ONE REGION ONE BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 12, Wed. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *A Girl Named Zippy* by Haven Kimmel, which was this year's selection for One Region One Book. Kimmel's hilarious memoir reveals a witty child with big eyes and ears, growing up in a small Indiana town amidst quirky neighbors, family squabbles and backyard animals. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 19, Wed. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Banyan Tree* by Christopher Nolan. Follow the triumphs and tragedies of the 80-plus years of Minnie O'Brien's life in Ireland while she struggles to hang on to the family farm against her unscrupulous neighbor. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Nov. 1, Sat. at 9:30am to 1pm. Participants will paint "Poncho's Place", a new and exciting technique. Fee of $10 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Nov. 8, Sat. at 9:30am to 1pm. Participants will learn how to do tole painting on tin ware. Fee of $10 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Nov. 17, Mon. at 6pm. Participants will learn how to paint coneflowers. An example will be on display at the library. Fee of $10 covers the cost of materials provided and is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

BOOKS AND CHAT

Nov. 18, Tues. at 2pm or Nov. 19, Wed. at 6:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Turkey Day Murder* by Leslie Meier. Lucy covers a town meeting which the main agenda item is whether the selectmen will support the Metinnicut Indian tribe's petition for recognition by the federal government. With the ink barely dry, the body of Native American Carl Nolan is found. Pre-register.

the Staff Recommends@ your library

A Small-Town Marriage by The Marchesa Colombi
"If Jane Austen had been Italian, she could have written this gem. You'll enjoy the efforts of Denza Dellura to snag her a rich young husband – even if he is quite portly ("a sort of large, gray elephant"). All's well that ends well, just not the way you might expect!"
DB/Reference

Wolves at Our Door: The Extraordinary Story of the Couple Who Lived with Wolves by Jim and Jamie Dutcher
"The difficulties of raising and supporting wolves in these conditions are made clear by the Dutchers, as are the differences of opinion among even wolf supporters about what role humans should play in the future of wild wolves."
SA/Systems

The Girl Who Loved Tom Gordon by Stephen King
"Not your typical Stephen King horror novel...While out on a hike with her family, a nine-year-old girl manages to wander off the trail and get lost in the woods. A child's worst nightmare! The only companion she has is the Red Sox's Relief Pitcher, Tom Gordon, via her transistor radio. This Castaway-like story reminds you to enroll in that survival class you had been contemplating!"
JP/Black Oak

TRAVEL THE WORLD WITHOUT LEAVING HOME

Nov. 25, Tues. at 2pm. Russia remains a land of ancient tradition and rapid change. Travelers will experience the beauty and grandeur of this rugged land and learn about the people, culture and history, via large screen TV. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

VIDEO HISTORY SERIES

Nov. 3, Mon. at 1:30pm or 7pm. Interested travelers will head, via large screen TV, into the Honduran jungle to visit the site of a 1994 discovery that might offer a clue to the

location of the mythical "White City," then visit a Mayan city known as Indian Hill. Pre-register.

TRAVELOGUE ON ITLAY

Nov. 10, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Gordon Wilder of Highland will show his slides of Rome, Florence and Pompeii and discuss his travels in Italy. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 11, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg. After years of disappointing her highly intelligent, Jewish family, young Eliza discovers a talent for spelling. Her role in her quirky family changes drastically and Eliza is not the only one struggling to cope. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 12, Wed. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

SAND RIDGE MORNING CLUB

Nov. 13, Thurs. at 10:30am. This month's club meeting will feature Michael Kuryla, a survivor of the U.S.S. Indianapolis, who will recall the events leading up to the sinking of the ship. Co-sponsored by Sand Ridge Bank. Pre-register by calling the bank at 972-7317.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Nov. 17, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Scattered around the blue waters of the Ionian and Aegean seas are the 1400 Greek Islands. Travelers will visit those islands, Hydra, Patmos, Mykonos, Crete and Gavdos, via large screen TV. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR DECEMBER BOOK DISCUSSION

The December title for discussion, *Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett, will be available for pickup after November 20. The discussion will be held December 18.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 20, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Ice House* by Minette Walters. When investigating the death of a faceless corpse, Chief Inspector Walsh is led to a country house inhabited by three mysterious women who are suspected of being witches. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Nov. 24, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. On the screen this month is *Top Hat* starring Fred Astaire, Ginger Rogers and Lucille Ball. A woman thinks her friend's husband is making advances on her. Pre-register.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ON THE ROAD AGAIN ... TO BOLIVIA

Nov. 5, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers will journey, via large screen TV, from the depths of the Amazon to the highest city in the world, Bolivia is a country of diversity in culture, climate and landscape. Pre-register.

HOBART TOWNSHIP FALL BOOK SALE

Nov. 7, Fri. from 10am to 6pm and Nov. 8, Sat. from 9am to 5pm. The Fall Book Sale will feature adult and children's books, paperbacks, magazines, records, tape and videos. For more information call the library.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Nov. 13, Thurs. at 6pm. Beginner and advanced scrabblers are invited to challenge their Scrabble techniques and vocabulary skills at our monthly match. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

FLU SHOTS

Nov. 17, Mon. from 11am to 2pm. Visiting Nurses Association of Porter County will provide flu shots on a first come, first serve basis. Cost of the shot is $20. Medicare Part B holders can receive the shot for free if they bring their card in for verification. For more information call the library.

HOBART HANDICRAFTERS

Nov. 17, Mon. at 6pm. Scrapbooks and crafters are invited to an evening of relaxation and fun. Participants can work on projects, share ideas, view the lastest craft books and magazines. For more information call the library.

BOOK CHAT

Nov. 18, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Desirable Daughters* by Bharait Mukherjee. Mukherjee follows the story of three Brahmin women as they pursue different paths from their home in Calcutta and a rigid Indian society to seek new lives for themselves on two separate continents. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR DECEMBER BOOK CHAT

Nov. 18, Tues. at 10am. The December title for discussion, *Fall of Light* by Niall Williams, will be available for pickup after November 18. The discussion will be held December 16.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 20, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Nov. 14, Fri. from 12:30pm to 2pm. A retired nurse will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

BOOK CHAT

Nov. 4, Tues. at 2pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Remember Me* by Laura Hendrie. Hendrie's novel takes place in Quedure, New Mexico, where Rose Devonic, who is just trying to be herself, lives as the outcast in her home town. Pre-register.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Nov. 20, Thurs. at 2pm to 4pm. Beginner and advanced scrabblers are invited to challenge their Scrabble techniques and vocabulary skills at a monthly match. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR DECEMBER BOOK CHAT

The December title for discussion, *Traveling Light* by Katrina Kittle, may be picked up after November 4. The book discussion will be held December 2.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Nov. 5, Wed. at 7pm. Margaret Sinclair, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, will discuss the background of the opera "Faust" by Charles Gounod. She will provide information about the composer and tell the story of the opera and share some musical highlights. Pre-register.

HOW TO INVEST IN INDIVIDUAL STOCKS

Nov. 12, Wed. at 7pm. Jim Kocon of Peerson and Company will present this program. Topics covered include what not to choose, the effects of compounding, axioms of the market, techniques of the Wall Street wizards and what type of analysis to use. Pre-register.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

Nov. 13, Thurs. at 1:30pm. Readers are invited to join the discussion of *Clay's Quilt* by Silas House. Clay Sizemore, a coal miner in love, searches his family history for clues about who he is, uncovering a dramatic story woven into the fabric of his uncle's quilts. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

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GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Nov. 20, Thurs. at 7pm. Interested readers are invited to join the discussion of *Iphigeneia at Aulis* by Euripides. This is a selection from the *Second Series of Great Books*. A one time fee of $25 covers the cost of the Great Books. Pre-register.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

BEGINNER'S KNITTING

Nov. 3, 10, and 17, Mon. at 6:30pm to 8pm. Beginning knitters will learn the basics of knitting, including casting on, knit and purl stitches, and binding off, and will also start a neck scarf just in time for Christmas. Participants should bring size 10 knitting needles and 4oz of worsted (4-ply) any color yarn. Pre-register.

TUESDAY CROSS STITCHERS

Nov. 4, Tues. at 6:30pm. Interested cross-stitchers are invited to an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Participants can get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitching magazines and books. Pre-register.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY

Nov. 19, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers can trek though the desert, via large screen TV, to discover Egypt's isolated oasis towns. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Nov. 20, Thurs. at 10:15am. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Blessings* by Anna Quindlen. When a baby is left on their doorstep, the lives of elderly Lydia Blessing and her down-and-out caretaker, Skip, are transformed. They decide to raise the baby in secret but, in the process,

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American Diabetes Association – www.diabetes.org
Offers the latest information on diabetes and living with the disease. The mission of the American Diabetes Association is to prevent and cure diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by diabetes.

Hoagy Carmichael – www.hoagy.com
Listed as the "official" Hoagy Carmichael website, it's hard to argue with that title since it is run by his son. Offers news, biography, song samples, and a thorough discography of one of Indiana's favorite composers.

S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald – www.ssefo.com
On November 10, 1975, the Edmund Fitzgerald was lost with her entire crew of 29 men when a storm passed over Lake Superior. This site is a unique tribute to the crew and their families. Even more interesting, the site is operated primarily by teenagers from Indianapolis. Yup, the song lyrics are available here too.

Butterball – www.butterball.com
Thanksgiving is around the corner. This site is very helpful for both the novice and experienced cook. Have a question about how to thaw or stuff a turkey? Buy fresh or frozen? Where exactly does the meat thermometer go? You'll find the answer here.

the reader discovers that Lydia and Skip are keeping secrets from each other. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

MONDAY NIGHT CRAFT NIGHT

Nov. 3, Mon. at 6pm. Crafters, ages 10 to 110, will be able to make a cinnamon stick wreath or a candle holder. A 10 inch cellophane wrapped straw wreath is required for the base of the cinnamon wreath. Pre-register.

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1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

TODDLER TIME

Nov. 3 thru Nov. 25, Mon at 9:30am or 10:30am or Tues. at 9:30am or 10:30am. Toddler, ages 24 months to 36 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy a story time just for them. Pre-register beginning October 20.

Happenings Jr. @ your library
Children's Programming
November 2003

WEE ONES

Nov. 5 thru Nov. 26, Wed. at 10am. Infants, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers, will explore stories, songs, rhymes and toys. Pre-register beginning October 22.

DAY CARE WORKERS WORKSHOP

Nov. 6, Thurs. at 1pm. Day care workers who work with preschoolers are invited to attend this free workshop. Demonstrations featuring new picture books, flannel boards, finger plays, music and other activities will acquaint participants with the latest items available. Pre-register.

FLY HIGH! CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF FLIGHT

Nov. 13, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will mark the 100th anniversary of the airplane with stories, activities, crafts and more. Pre-register.

FREE TO READ: CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION

Nov. 17, Mon. at 1pm or 7pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories, make a craft, watch a film and participate in other fun activities to celebrate Book Week. Pre-register.

FREE TO READ: CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK CELEBRATION

Nov. 17, Mon. at 7pm or Nov. 20, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will celebrate Book Week with stories, games, crafts and more. Pre-register.

Calumet Township

Black Oak Branch

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary *844-8809*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

PRESCHOOLERS CELEBRATE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Nov. 18, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate Book Week by hearing the story, *The Mitten*, then they will make their own version of the story. Pre-register.

FREE TO READ BOOK WEEK

Nov. 20, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will celebrate National Children's Book Week with the story of *Grandfather Tan*, then they will make tangrams, which are pictures made from triangles and squares. Pre-register.

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

WEE ONES

Nov. 5, 12 at 10:30am. Infants, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, finger plays, songs and playtime. Pre-register beginning October 22.

TODDLER TIME

Nov. 10, Mon. at 6:30 or Nov. 11, Tues. at 11am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will make peanut butter and jelly sandwiches after story time to celebrate Peanut Butter Lover's Month. Pre-register beginning October 27.

CHILDREN'S NATIONAL BOOK WEEK

Nov. 17, Mon. at 6:30pm. Children in grades K thru 5 will celebrate Book Week with a book and film starring the popular Harry Allard character, Miss Nelson. Miss Viola Swamp will be making a special appearance. Pre-register beginning November 3.

BOOKS AND TREATS

During the week of November 17 thru 22, to celebrate National Children's Book Week, any child who is read to by their parents at the library will receive an ice cream dessert as a treat. A book swap will also be available during the week. For more information call the library.

PRESCHOOL FREE TO READ

Nov. 18, Tues. at 1:30pm or Nov. 19, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate National Children's Book Week with stories, songs and a craft. Pre-register beginning November 3.

PRESCHOOL THANKSGIVING

Nov. 24, Mon. at 10:30am or Nov. 25, Tues. at 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories and make a Thanksgiving craft. Pre-register.

TODDLER THANKSGIVING

Nov. 24, Mon. at 6:30pm or Nov. 25, Tues. at 11am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will hear stories and rhymes, then make a Thanksgiving craft. Pre-register beginning November 10.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Ave. *365-5379*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm

MONDAY NIGHT CRAFT NIGHT

Nov. 3, Mon. at 6pm. Crafters, ages 10 to 110, will be able to make a cinnamon stick wreath or a candle holder. A 10 inch cellophane wrapped straw wreath is required for the base of the cinnamon wreath. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOLERS CELEBRATE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Nov. 18, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear stories and make a storybook mobile. Pre-register.

FREE TO READ, WRITE AND ILLUSTRATE

Nov. 20, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will make block prints to illustrate a page from an original story. The illustrations will be used to create a book. Paint is involved so please dress accordingly. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *836-8450*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

AFTER SCHOOL GROUP'S POPPING GOOD TIME

Nov. 5, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will enjoy a popcorn themed program with stories, a craft, a popcorn game, as well as a popcorn snack. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

TERRIFIC 2's AND 3's STORY HOUR

Nov. 10, 17, 24, Mon. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, music, finger plays, crafts and other activities. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

FANTASTIC 4's AND 5's STORY HOUR

Nov. 11, 18, 25, Tues. at 10:30am or 1:30pm. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy stories, music, crafts and videos. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

WEE ONES

Nov. 12, 26, Wed. at 10:30am. Babies and toddlers, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, music, toys, finger plays and nursery rhymes. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK PLAY

Nov. 18, Tues. at 4pm. This year, Children's Book Week will be celebrated with a special play for all ages. A book sale will follow the performance. Preschoolers should be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

AFTER SCHOOL GROUP NATIVE AMERICAN PROGRAM

Nov. 19, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will experience life as a Native American with samples of their stories, crafts, games and food. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER MEETING

Nov. 24, Mon. at 4pm. Volunteers should attend this monthly meeting. New volunteers are always welcomed. Volunteers will sign up for scheduled hours, make a craft and have a snack. Pre- registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

St. John Township

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Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary *980-5180*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

PRESCHOOLERS CELEBRATE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Nov. 17, Mon. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate Book Week by hearing the story, *The Mitten*, then they will make their own version of the story. Pre-register.

FREE TO READ BOOK WEEK

Nov. 19, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will celebrate National Children's Book Week with the story of *Grandfather Tan*, then they will make tangrams, which are pictures made from triangles and squares. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *838-2825*
www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm

SUPERTOTS

Nov. 3 thru Nov. 24, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 18 months to 35 months, along with a caregiver, will enjoy this four week story hour with books, music, finger plays and more. Pre-register.

GHOST SHIPS

Nov. 4, Tues. at 6:30pm. Young adults, ages 11 to 14, will make a working model of a sailboat and learn about the ghost ships that sail the Great Lakes. Pre-register.

LITTLE HOUSE PIONEERS

Nov. 6, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children, ages 7 and older, will hear the next chapter from *A Gathering of Days* and then decorate a gourd to take home. Pre-register.

PETE'S A PIZZA

Nov. 12, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and up will make a pizza to take home and bake. Co-sponsored by Papa Murphy's Pizza. Pre-register.

FOLK SONGS AND FOOLERY

Nov. 18, Tues. at 3:30pm. Special guest Dan LeMonnier will entertain children of all ages with songs and stories to celebrate Children's Book Week. Pre-register.

BOOKMARKS

Nov. 19, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and up will celebrate Children's Book Week by making a special bookmark. Pre-register.

THREE BEARS AGAIN

Nov. 20, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and up will continue Children's Book Week fun by making a bear and learn the familiar story of the three bears. Pre-register.

BOOK TALK

Nov. 24, Mon. at 5pm. Children, ages 10 and older, are invited to the discussion of the 9th Lemony Snicket book, *Carnivorous Carnival*. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *374-7121*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

CELEBRATE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Nov. 17, Mon. at 4pm. Children in grades K thru 6 will draw their favorite book character or story on a paper square that will become a paper quilt to hang in the library. Pre-register.

PRESCHOOLERS CELEBRATE BOOKS

Nov. 18, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate books in honor of National Children's Book Week with songs, finger plays and stories. Pre-register.

THANKSGIVING CRAFT

Nov. 24, Mon. at 4pm. Children, in grades K thru 6, will hear Thanksgiving stories and make a turkey wreath. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *838-2394*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

BUSY BEES CELEBRATE NATIONAL PEANUT BUTTER MONTH

Nov. 5, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate Peanut Butter Lover's Month with stories, songs, and making a peanut butter craft. Pre-register beginning October 22.

TODDLER TIME

Nov. 10, 24, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will listen to stories, sing active songs, and make a simple craft. Pre-register beginning October 27.

BUSY BEES CELEBRATE CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Nov. 19, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. In honor of Book Week, preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will hear *Book! Book! Book!* and other stories, sing songs, and make a book about themselves to take home. Pre-register beginning November 5.

BOOK WEEK: FREE TO READ

Nov. 20, Thurs. at 3:30pm. In honor of National Children's Book Week, children in grades K thru 6 will hear stories and participate in book activities. Pre-register beginning November 3.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *942-2243*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

PRESCHOOL FUN

Nov. 12, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register beginning November 3.

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TODDLER FUN FRIDAY

Nov. 14, Fri. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 20 months to 35 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register beginning November 3.

FREE TO READ

Nov. 18, Tues. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will celebrate Children's Book Week by making a bookmark and watching Reading Rainbow's *The Tortoise and the Hare*. Pre-register beginning November 3.

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

Nov. 22, Sat. at 2pm. Hobart Garden Club members and the Jr. Garden Club members will work together to create a garden therapy project. Pre-register beginning November 3.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *962-2409*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

PRESCHOOL BOOK WEEK

Nov. 10, Mon. at 1:30pm or 6pm. In celebration of National Children's Book Week, preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will hear stories and participate in songs, finger plays and a craft. Pre-register.

SCHOOL AGE BOOK WEEK

Nov. 12, Wed. at 3:30pm. In celebration of National Children's Book Week, children in grades K thru 4 will learn about authors and make their own books. Pre-register.

TEEN CREATIVE WRITING

Nov. 19, Wed. at 6pm. Teens, grades 6 thru 12, will free write with their own stories. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *962-2421*
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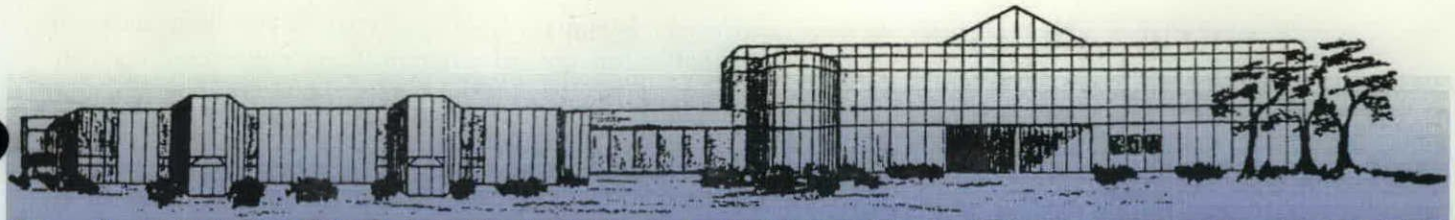
NATIONAL PEANUT BUTTER MONTH

Nov. 4, Tues. at 4pm. Young adults, ages 11 to 14, will learn fun trivia about peanut butter, have a peanut relay race then make a peanut butter treat. Pre-register.

FREE TO READ

Nov. 18, Tues. at 4pm. Children in grades K through 3 will celebrate National Children's Book Week with trivia games of books and characters, then watch a movie. Pre-register.





LAKE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

DECEMBER 2003 HAPPENINGS @ your library

www.lakeco.lib.in.us

LOTS TO DO AT THE ST. JOHN BRANCHES

With winter swirling all over and Christmas just around the corner, the St. John Township branches offer a chance to take a break from the cold and the crowded stores. Come in for a program and take home a book or a movie. You can warm up, check out CD's and listen to Christmas carols.

The St. John branch invites everyone to an open house on December 5 from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and December 6 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You can learn a craft at the craft booths, listen to music, and try some seasonal refreshments. There will be fun for all ages. Relax for a while with us and try your hand at a craft.

YOU'RE INVITED!

St. John Branch
Open House
December 5th
10:30 a.m.-5p.m.

Perhaps you are ready to think about that list of New Year's resolutions. Do you want to read more and watch television less, get more exercise or do you want to donate some time to your community? Your friendly library can help you achieve those promises on that list.

The Dyer-Schererville branch will have several different programs with something to entice everyone. Exercise your fingers with the Tuesday Cross-Stitchers on Tuesday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. Whether you are just learning or an accomplished cross-stitcher, you will be welcomed. If you like to travel but want to avoid the Christmas crush at the airports, come with us to Hawaii via large-screen display on Wednesday, December 17 at 7:00 p.m. Would you like to read more in 2004? Come to the Book Discussion Preview Party on Wednesday, December 18 at 10:15 a.m. or on January 7 at 7:00 pm. Share your favorite books from the past year and find out what we'll be talking about in 2004. Dyer-Schererville offers a Wednesday night and a Thursday morning book discussion. Programs for children in grades K through 6, for toddlers age 2 and for preschool children ages 3 through 5 will include stories, songs and Christmas sweets. On Monday, December 22 at 6:00 p.m., the Schererville Parks Department and the Dyer-Schererville branch will co-sponsor a special story time for children. Join us at this special free program donated by the Parks Department.

'Tis the season of giving and the St. John Township libraries are calling for a few good men and women to come to our assistance. There are many ways in which individuals can volunteer at the library. Volunteers can select a favorite subject area through the Adopt-A-Shelf program. The volunteers maintain that area, keeping it neat, in order, and well loved. If you have a creative streak or a hobby that you would like to share with others, the St. John Township branches work with volunteers to provide craft classes to the public.

If you would like additional information about our programs or about volunteering, please call the Dyer-Schererville Branch at 219-322-4731 or the St. John Branch at 219-365-5379.

We look forward to seeing you at the library. From the St. John Township Libraries, we wish everyone a Happy Holiday Season and great Year in 2004!

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Paul C. Lauterbur, first cousin of Central library volunteer, Alice Lauterbur was awarded the 2003 Nobel Prize in medicine. Dr. Lauterbur, 74, of the University of Illinois-Champaign was honored for the MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) work he did which was considered a "breakthrough in medical diagnostics and research."

Holiday Operating Hours
for the
Lake County Public Library:
Closed Dec. 24-25
Early Closing
Dec. 31, 5 p.m.
and Closed Jan. 1, 2004

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave., Merrillville, IN 46410
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

COMPUTER CLASS: MEET THE MOUSE

Dec. 3, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Beginning users of the computer will learn how to hold, move and click a mouse. Pre-register the 15th of the month prior to the program, ext. 346.

COMPUTER CLASS: BASIC WINDOWS

Dec. 10, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. This class is for the next step for the beginner. Participants will learn about Windows and computer terminology. Pre-register the 15th of the month prior to the program, ext. 346.

CIRCLE OF READERS BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Dec. 11, Thurs. at 6pm. Readers are invited to a discussion of their favorite books of the past year. Pre-register, ext. 340.

SECOND FRIDAY OF THE MONTH CLUB

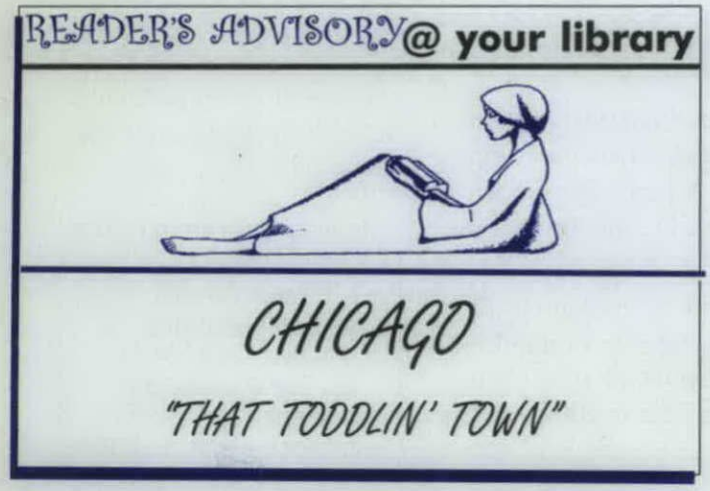
Dec. 12, Fri. at 10am. This month's club meeting is the 50 Advantage Club Christmas Party. Blood pressure screening will be available from 9:30am to 11:30am. For more information call the library, ext. 317.

COMPUTER CLASS: NAVIGATING THE NET

Dec. 17, Wed. at 2pm or 6pm. Interested computer users will explore the library's homepage and learn about the Web. Pre-register the 15th of the month prior to the program, ext. 346.

STARTING A BUSINESS AND RECORD KEEPING

Dec. 19, Fri. at 9:30am to 5pm. The IRS will present this workshop for interested participants. Topics covered include various types of entities, as well as the tax forms completed for each entity type. Rules and guidelines will be covered, regarding business income, deductible expenses such as vehicle expenses, travel and entertainment, business use of home, as well as recordkeeping for both income and expenses. Minimum class size is 10. Registrations close one week before date of program. Early registration is recommended. Pre-register, ext. 334.



MYSTERY LOVES COMPANY BOOK DISCUSSION

Dec. 23, Tues. at noon. Interested readers are invited to the discussion of *Whip Hand* by Dick Francis. Sid Halley, a former jockey turned private investigator, is asked by a wife of an elite racehorse trainer to find out why her husband's most promising horses have been performing so poorly. At first it appears that she is simply overreacting and the losing streak is just dumb luck. But soon Halley begins to discover it is something far more dangerous. Pre-register, ext. 336.

BECOMING A ST. ANTHONY HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

Dec. 30, Tues. at 11am to 1pm. Debbie Shultz, St. Anthony Hospice Volunteer, will answer questions about becoming a volunteer for St. Anthony Hospice. Pre-register, ext. 317.

Calumet Township

Black Oak Branch

5921 W. 25th Ave. *Gary, IN 46406*
844-8809 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

Call the Black Oak Branch for more information about Happenings **@your library.**

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 W. 41st Ave. *Gary, IN 46408*
980-5180 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm*

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Dec. 8, Mon. at 12:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Suspicion of Innocence* by Barbara Parker. When Miami lawyer Gail Connor's youngest prettier sister Renee is found dead with her wrists slashed, she soon discovers some of Rene's secrets and the police's determination that she was murdered and that Gail is the prime suspect. Pre-register.

BOOK DISCUSSION CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec. 15, Mon. at 6pm. Readers who have participated in the past year's discussion are invited to a Christmas potluck dinner. Pre-register.

Great Minds Ask @ your library

Q: A woman wanted to print up a family recipe which had been handed down through her husband's family by word of mouth. She needed the correct spelling of the Italian name which she remembered as "nagatolli" or "nacatelli" or variations thereof. It was a fried bread, flavored with anise and originated in Calabria, Italy.

A: After several librarians searched some Italian cookbooks and various recipe sites on the web, one of them looked into a website on Calabrian culture and cooking, discovering a site called "La Cucina Calabrese," where the recipe list included "nacatole," a fried bread served as a sweet at Christmas. The patron was satisfied.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *Griffith, IN 46319*
838-2825 *www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 1, Mon. at 10am to 11am. Unity Hospice will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

COUNTED CROSS STITCH CLASS

Dec. 4, Thurs. at 11am. Interested participants will practice cross stitching by making a Christmas candle. Supplies are included. Pre-registration begins November 24.

BOOK DISCUSSION

Dec. 17, Wed. at 7pm. Readers are invited to *Seasons of Sun and Rain* by Marjorie Dorner. Six women who have been friends since they were college sophomores in 1965, meet for a week's reunion vacation at a B&B they've dubbed Camp-Men-O-Pause to share the good and bad memories of their lives together and apart. But one, Micky, suffers from early-onset Alzheimer's. How long will she remember? Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *Cedar Lake, IN 46303*
374-7121 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/cedarlake.htm*

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Dec. 6, Sat. at 9:30am to 1:30pm. Participants will paint a field pheasant on an 8" x 10" canvas. Fee of $10 to cover the cost of materials is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

PAINTING WITH ACRYLICS

Dec. 15, Mon. at 6pm. Participants will paint a holiday gift of a candle on an 8" x 10" canvas. Fee of $10 to cover the cost of materials is due at the time of class. Pre-register.

BOOKS AND CHAT

Dec. 16, Tues. at 2pm or Dec. 17, Wed. at 6:30pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *The Clan of the Cave Bear* by Jean Auel. Through Auel's writing, readers are taken back to the Ice Age. A natural disaster leaves a young girl wandering alone in a strange land. Befriended by a woman of the Clan, she begins an adventure of survival, prejudice and maturity. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *Highland, IN 46322*
838-2394 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm*

VIDEO HISTORY SERIES

Dec. 1, Mon. at 1:30pm or 7pm. Scotland Yard has investigated some of the most famous criminal cases in history and revolutionized criminology and forensics. Revisit the cases that have made the Yard legend, and the officers who worked to solve these crimes. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Dec. 8, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. On screen this month is *Meet Me in St. Louis* starring Judy Garland and Mary Astor. This movie is a story of a family at the 1903 World's Fair. Pre-register.

TUESDAY BOOK DISCUSSION

Dec. 9, Tues. at 2pm or 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham. Luther Krank sees his daughter's Christmas absence as an opportunity to avoid all that is involved in the holiday season and enjoy a Caribbean cruise with his wife instead. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 10, Wed. from 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

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AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

Dec. 10, 11, Wed. and Thurs. at 12:30pm to 4pm. Hal Schaller, an AARP representative, will present this two day classroom style driver training course designed to help older adults improve their driving skills. Some insurance companies offer discounts to participants. Both classes must be attended in order to receive a certificate. Fee of $10 is due at the time of class. Attendance is limited. Pre-register beginning November 5.

SAND RIDGE BANK MORNING CLUB

Dec. 11, Thurs. at 10:30am. The month's club meeting will feature The Caroling Party, entertaining in Dickens attire with Christmas classics, sing-a-longs and a huge dose of holiday cheer. The bank will be collecting mittens, hats and scarves for the less privileged children in the area. Pre-register by calling the bank at 972-7317.

ARMCHAIR TRAVELERS

Dec. 15, Mon. at 2pm or 7pm. Travelers will start their journey in French Polynesia, via large screen display, in Bora Bora, then on to Tahiti, Tubuai, Rangiroa and Samoa. Pre-register.

MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION

Dec. 18, Thurs. at 7pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Maltese Falcon* by Dashiell Hammett. Sam Spade, a slightly shop-worn private eye with his own solitary code of ethics, stars in this detective fiction, a novel that has haunted two generations of readers. Pre-register.

CLASSICS ON THE BIG SCREEN

Dec. 29, Mon. at 2pm or 6pm. Interested movie goers will enjoy this romantic comedy starring Sandra Bullock and Bill Pullman, via large screen display. A Chicago EL token collector is mistaken for the fiancé of a victim of a mugging. She continues the charade and is welcomed into his family. Pre-register.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
942-2243 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

ON THE ROAD AGAIN...THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN

Dec. 3, Wed. at 7pm. Travelers will journey, via large screen-video, to Trinidad, Tobago, Grendad, the remote Carriacou and Dominica. There is a wealth of opportunity here for an outdoors-type trip, and different islands have their own specialties where divers, hikers, colonial history buffs and sun worshippers can choose their dream destinations. Pre-register.

CHRISTMAS CARD TOTE BASKET

Dec. 6, Sat. at 9:30am to 1:30pm. Rose Rasmusen will teach participants how to make this basket which is perfect for holding your Christmas cards. Fee of $13 to cover the cost of materials is due at the time of registration. Basket is on display at the branch. Participants need to bring a bucket and a towel. Visit the library to pre-register.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Dec. 11, Thurs. at 6pm. Beginner and advanced scrabblers are invited to challenge their Scrabble techniques and vocabulary skills at our monthly match. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

HOBART HANDICRAFTERS

Dec. 15, Mon. at 6pm to 8pm. Scrapbookers and crafters are invited to an evening of relaxation and fun. Participants can work on projects, share ideas and view the latest craft books and magazines. For more information call the library.

AFTERNOON BOOK CHAT

Dec. 16, Tues. at 2pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Fall of Light* by Niall Williams. Williams' novel is set in Ireland in the 19th century and it follows the adventures of the four Foley brothers who were separated by the brutality of the Irish wilderness, the potato famine, and the promise of America, as they end up in different corners of the world. Pre-register.

the Staff Recommends@ your library

Are you ready for a good book?

Here's some suggestions . . .

check out the ***Reader's Advisory*** link found on the Library's web site at **www.lakeco.lib.in.us**. Follow the link for ***Booklists for Bookworms*** and you'll be lead to suggestions for even the most finicky reader. And if you've read all those books and you'd like to suggest your own, email your suggestion to **readers@lakeco.lib.in.us**. Other places to surf on the *Reader's Advisory* page include the link for ***Internet Links for Readers*** and scroll down for a collection of local schools' required reading lists.

PICKUP REMINDER FOR JANUARY BOOK CHAT

Dec. 16, Tues. at 10am. The January title for discussion, *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* by J.K. Rowling, will be available for pickup after December 15. The discussion will be held on January 20 at 2pm or 7pm.

COOKIE EXCHANGE

Dec. 17, Wed. at 10:30am. Interested participants should bring three dozen decorated Christmas cookies along with copies of the recipes to share with others. Pre-register beginning November 7.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 18, Thurs. from 1pm to 3pm. Miller's Merry Manor will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *Lake Station, IN 46405*
962-2409 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm*

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 12, Fri. from 12:30pm to 2pm. A retired nurse will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *Hobart, IN 46342*
962-2421 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/hwtppage.htm*

AFTERNOON BOOK CHAT

Dec. 2, Tues. at 2pm. Readers are invited to the discussion of *Traveling Light* by Katruba Kittle. Kittle's novel is about personal relationships: a sister's love for a brother who is dying of AIDS and her relationship with her live-in boyfriend. Pre-register.

SCRABBLE CLUB

Dec. 18, Thurs. at 2pm. Beginner and advanced scrabblers are invited to challenge their Scrabble techniques and vocabulary skills at a monthly match. Attendance is limited. Pre-register.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *Munster, IN 46321*
836-8450 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm*

A NIGHT AT THE OPERA

Dec. 3, Wed. at 7pm. Barbara DeBolt, a member of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps, will discuss the background of the opera "Sampson et Dalila" by Camille Saint-Saens. She will provide information about the composer, tell the story of the opera and share some musical highlights. Pre-register.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

Dec. 18, Thurs. at 10am to noon. Hospice of the Calumet Area will provide free blood pressure screening. For more information call the library.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville, IN 46375*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

TUESDAY CROSS STITCHERS

Dec. 2, Tues. at 6:30pm. Interested cross-stitchers are invited to an evening of stitching, conversation and relaxation. Participants can get assistance with a difficult project, share new ideas and view the latest cross-stitching magazines and books. Pre-register.

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY

Dec. 17, Wed. at 7pm. Escape to the warmth and beauty of Hawaii via large-screen display. Pre-register.

2004 BOOK DISCUSSION PREVIEW PARTY

Dec. 18, Thurs. at 10:15am. Readers interested in attending morning book discussions are invited to talk about their favorite books of 2003 and preview the books selected for discussion in 2004. Participants may bring a plate of cookies, muffins or other snack to share. Coffee and tea will be provided. Pre-register.

St. John Branch

9450 Wicker Dr. *St. John, IN 46373*
365-5379 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/stjohn.htm*

ST. JOHN HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Dec. 5, Fri. from 10:30am to 5pm and Dec. 6, Sat. from 9:30am to 4pm. All ages will enjoy this holiday open house with stories, music, movies, craft activities and refreshments. For more information call the library.

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Comforts of Home consultant,

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$300!!

DO YOU SURF? @ your library

First Night International – www.firstnight.com
First Night is a community celebration of the New Year through the arts. It is an alcohol-free, public festival that marks the passage from the old year to the new through art, ritual, and festivities. Originating in Boston in 1976, there will now be over 130 First Night Celebrations throughout the world this December 31st.

Kwanzaa – www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org
Kwanzaa is a holiday which celebrates African American family, community and culture. The name is derived from a Swahili phrase meaning "first fruits." This website was established by Dr. Maulana Karenga, creator of Kwanzaa, and contains information about the holiday, its origins, symbols and significance.

National Park Service – www.nps.gov
The official site produced by the Department of Interior, providing extensive information on America's National Parks and their management. Campground reservations can be secured online and a listing of parks can be retrieved searching by interest and/or activity, such as "Caves" or "Wildlife Viewing."

Central Library

1919 West 81st Ave. *Merrillville, IN 46410*
769-3541 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us*

PRESCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Dec. 9, Tues. at 10am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate the holiday with stories and other fun activities, as well as make an ornament to take home for their tree. Pre-register.



Happenings Jr. @ your library
Children's Programming
December 2003



TODDLER HOLIDAY FUN

Dec. 10, Wed. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will celebrate the holidays with stories and other fun activities. Pre-register.

YULETIDE BLAST

Dec. 11, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grade K and higher will celebrate the season with stories and games, then make an ornament for the library tree and also one to take home. Pre-register.

Calumet Township

Black Oak Branch

5921 West 25th Ave., Gary *844-8809*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

HOLIDAY BELLS

Dec. 9, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy holiday fun by listening to stories, then they will make an ornament for their family tree. Pre-register.

SWEET TREAT GIFT

Dec. 11, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will use a little bit of sugar and spice to make a holiday gift to give. Pre-register.

Forty-First Avenue Branch

3491 West 41st Ave., Gary *980-5180*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

HOLIDAY BELLS

Dec. 8, Mon. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, can join in some holiday fun with stories, then make an ornament for their family tree. Pre-register.

SWEET TREAT GIFT

Dec. 10, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will use a little bit of sugar and spice to make a holiday gift to give. Pre-register.

Griffith Branch

940 N. Broad St. *838-2825*
www.lakeco.lib.in/caltwp.htm

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CHRISTMAS TREE AND MEMENTO BOOK

The Griffith Centennial Committee is providing a ten-foot Christmas tree for display this month. Patrons can donate ornaments to be placed on the tree and sign a memento book for historical purposes. Pre-register.

TRIM A TREE

Dec. 2, Tues. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K and up will make two ornaments. One will be for the library tree and the other can be taken home for their tree. Pre-register.

LITTLE HOUSE PIONEERS

Dec. 4, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children ages 7 and older will make simple bird feeders after hearing another chapter from *A Gathering of Days*. Pre-register.

TODDLER CHRISTMAS

Dec. 15, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 18 months to 35 months, along with their caregivers, will hear holiday stories and make an ornament to take home for their tree. Pre-register.

HOLIDAY STORIES AND FILMS

Dec. 18, Thurs. at 3:30pm. Children of all ages are welcome to this holiday celebration with stories, songs and a film. Pre-register.

BOOK TALKING

Dec. 22, Mon. at 5pm. Children ages 10 and older will discuss the book *The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey* by Susan Wojciechowski, then see some hand-carved Christmas figurines. Pre-register.

COOKIE DECORATING

Dec. 23, Tues. at 6:30pm. Children ages 11 and older will decorate a holiday cookie to eat while enjoying hot chocolate. Children will hear *The Water Ghost* by Harrowby Hall and discuss holiday ghost stories. Pre-register.

Cedar Lake Branch

13330 Parrish Ave. *374-7121*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/caltwp.htm

THE STOCKINGS WERE HUNG...

Dec. 16, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will listen to Christmas stories and songs, then decorate a lace stocking to take home. Parents or caregivers are asked to provide assistance with the craft. Pre-register.

HOLIDAY COOKIE DECORATING AND EATING TOO!

Dec. 18, Thurs. at 4pm. Children in grades K thru 6 will hear a holiday story and decorate Christmas cookies. Frosting and cookies will be provided. Children should bring edible decorations such as M & M's, chocolate chips, sprinkles, etc. Pre-register.

Highland Branch

2841 Jewett St. *838-2394*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/highland.htm

BUSY BEES HOLLY JOLLY HOLIDAYS

Dec. 3, Wed. at 10:30am or 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy holiday stories, sing songs, and make a holiday craft. Pre-register beginning November 17.

TODDLERS HOLIDAY FUN

Dec. 8, Mon. at 10:30am. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will enjoy holiday stories and songs, then make a simple craft. Pre-register beginning November 24.

HOLIDAY CRAFT AND GIFT FAIR

Dec. 9, Tues. at 2pm to 4pm or Dec. 13, Sat. at 9:30am to 11:30am. Children ages 6 to 16 may choose from a

variety of crafts and gifts to make, for a small fee of $.25 to $1.50 per item, depending on what is selected. Young children may need assistance. If time allows, children may make more than one item. Items will be on display at the branch along with information about supplies needed. Pre-register beginning November 24.

Hobart Township

Hobart Branch

100 N. Main St. *942-2243*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

A VISIT FROM SANTA CLAUS

Dec. 6, Sat. from 2pm to 4pm. Children ages 10 and under are invited to meet Santa Claus and have their picture taken. Digital photos on a floppy disk will be available for $1 or parents can bring their own camera. For more information call the library.

HOBART JR. GARDEN CLUB

Dec. 22, Mon. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will create a unique Holiday decoration with the assistance of the Hobart Garden Club members. Pre-register beginning November 28.

HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS

Dec. 17, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate the holiday with Christmas stories, songs and a craft. Pre-register beginning December 3.

TODDLER FUN FRIDAY

Dec. 19, Fri. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 20 months to 35 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy holiday stories, songs and a craft. Pre-register beginning December 5.

Lake Station Branch

2400 Central Ave. *962-2409*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

CHRISTMAS PRESCHOOL STORYHOUR

Dec. 8, Mon. at 1:30pm or 6pm. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will hear Christmas stories and songs, then make a Christmas craft. Hot chocolate and cookies will be provided. Pre-register.

CHRISTMAS CREATION PARTY

Dec. 10, Wed. at 3:30pm. Children in grades K thru 8 will make their own decorations and crafts with craft supplies from the library. Refreshments will be provided along with Christmas music. Pre-register.

TEEN CREATIVE WRITING

Dec. 17, Wed. at 6pm. Teens in grades 7 thru 12 will free-write and write stories. Refreshments will be provided. Pre-register.

CHRISTMAS TODDLER STORYTIME

Dec. 19, Fri. at 10:30am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, along with their caregivers, will hear Christmas stories and songs, then make a Christmas craft. Refreshments will be provided. Pre-register.

New Chicago Branch

3250 Michigan St. *962-2421*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/htwppage.htm

HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS

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Dec. 16, Tues. at 1pm. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, will celebrate the holiday with Christmas stories, songs and a craft. Pre-register beginning December 2.

Munster Branch

8701 Calumet Ave. *836-8450*
www.lakeco.lib.in.us/munster.htm

TERRIFIC 2's AND 3's STORY TIME

Dec. 1, 8, Mon. at 10am or 11am. Toddlers, ages 2 and 3, will enjoy stories, finger plays, music, crafts and other related themed activities. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

FANTASTIC 4's AND 5's STORY TIME

Dec. 2, 9, Tues. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 4 and 5, will enjoy stories, music, crafts and videos. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

WEE ONES

Dec. 3, 17, Wed. at 10:30am. Babies and toddlers, ages 6 months to 23 months, along with their caregivers, will enjoy stories, music, toys, finger plays and nursery rhymes. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

AFTER SCHOOL GROUP'S HOLIDAY PARTY PRAIRIE STYLE

Dec. 10, Wed. at 4pm. Children in grades K and higher will experience holiday life on the prairie with stories, crafts, games and food. Pre-registration is not necessary. For more information call the library.

RED CROSS BABYSITTING COURSE

Dec. 22, Mon. and Dec. 23, Tues. at 9am to 1pm. or 1:30pm to 5:30pm. Students ages 11 or older will learn the basics of babysitting, including emergency first aid. Students must attend both sessions and also complete a resume and babysitting kit to become certified. Birth certificate and fee of $23 must be presented at the time of registration. Students should bring a snack and drink to each session. For more information call the library.

St. John Township

Dyer-Schererville Branch

1001 W. Lincoln Hwy. *Schererville*
322-4731 *www.lakeco.lib.in.us/dyerscher.htm*

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Dec. 9, Tues. at 6:30pm. Children in grades K and higher will celebrate the holiday with stories, songs, games and decorating cookies. Pre-register beginning November 24.

TODDLER CHRISTMAS

Dec. 9, Tues. at 11am or Dec. 10, Wed. at 6:30pm. Toddlers, age 2, along with their caregivers, will celebrate the holiday with stories, songs, ornament making and cookies. Pre-register beginning November 24.

HOLIDAY STORY TIME

Dec. 16, Tues. at 1:30pm or Dec. 17, Wed. at 10:30am. Preschoolers, ages 3 to 5, are invited to a holiday celebration with stories, songs, a Christmas craft and a candy cane hunt. Pre-register beginning December 1.

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ST. JOHN HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Dec. 5, Fri. from 10:30am to 5pm and Dec. 6, Sat. from 9:30am to 4pm. All ages will enjoy this holiday open house with stories, music, movies, craft activities and refreshments. For more information call the library.